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Union talks won't affect flights, says local CAW leader

JAZZ AIR Halifax-based Jazz Air LLP won't be affected by the rejection of a tentative labour contract that was narrowly defeated in a membership vote, the union and airline said Thursday.

"The travelling public will not be inconvenienced because no strike vote has been taken to date," said Leslie Dias, president of Canadian Auto Workers Local 2002.

One of the next steps is likely to be a strike vote, but the union and the airline are expected to meet soon with a federal conciliator, Dias said from Toronto.

Jazz provides regional services and connector flights for its former parent Air Canada.

The airline said the CAW ratification vote was only 49 per cent in favour of the deal reached on Aug. 28, just short of the majority approval that's required.

"At this time, there is no impact to our operation, it is business as usual," said Jazz spokeswoman Manon Stuart.

"The mediation process continues."

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A $592-million deficit hit

NDP budget won't cut spending or increase taxes, but adds to provincial debt

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The NDP is waiting for next year to rip off the multimillion-dollar band-aid.

This year's budget released Thursday shows the province avoids spending cuts or tax increases but it takes a $592.1-million deficit hit. When you add on capital spending Nova Scotia's debt will jump up $1.1 billion this year to $13.5 billion.

It's a result, the NDP says, of plummeting or flat-lining revenue sources and rising expenses. The deficit looks worse because about $340 million will be paid at the end of the year to cover next year's university budget.

It all adds up to a large blow to the province's books, but Nova Scotians likely won't see much effect in their day-to-day lives this year. It's next year the NDP has promised to run a balanced budget.

Even taking away the hundreds of millions in university payments, the government will have to cut expenses by about $570 million to stay out of the red next year.

Finance Minister Graham Steele wouldn't comment on what may happen in 2010, but said it was too late to begin reining in costs halfway through this fiscal year.

"You can damage the economy if you pull back too far too fast. What we're trying to do is find the right balance," he said. "A lot of budgets were in place, salaries are being paid. It leads to instability and uncertainty if you come into office part way through a fiscal year and try to make drastic changes right off the top."

The NDP only cut down about $13 million this year, mostly through deferring grants and programs. The only flat-out cut was to a $2 million rink revitalization program planned by the Tories.

Steele said this was essentially a Tory budget and the first true NDP budget will come next year. Thursday's document did include $34 million of NDP promises such as removing provincial tax from home heating electricity.

One notable increase is a jump of $70 million towards buying land which Steele called "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity." The province is mandated to protect 12 per cent of provincial land by 2015.



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Finance Minister Graham Steele answers questions from reporters during a press conference just before delivering the 2009-10 budget at Province House Thursday. More coverage, page 3.

Budget highlights

Some highlights from the Nova Scotia government's budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, delivered Thursday:

- $592.1-million deficit forecast, a steep slide from the $4-million surplus that the previous Conservative government projected in May for this fiscal year. It's also down from the $20-million surplus that Nova Scotia recorded last year.
- Net debt projected to rise to $13.5 billion, the highest it's been in a decade.
- Total program spending and interest costs on debt increased to $9.1 billion, up from $8.5 billion last year.
- Provincial portion of HST from home electricity will be eliminated as of Oct. 1, saving Nova Scotians $15 million.
- Students graduating with a university degree will be able to deduct up to $15,000 over six years if they choose to stay and work in Nova Scotia. Those who graduate with a college diploma will be able to deduct up to $7,500.
- Expenses would have to go down by $570 million to keep balanced budget promise for 2010.

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The price of some booze on store shelves is going to change next week. Rick Perkins of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation said Thursday the prices of 40 per cent of their products will either go up or down Monday. There will be an average price increase of two cents for 34 per cent of products, and up to a $1 decrease for six per cent of products. Most changes are coming from the manufactures, who twice a year are allowed to change the cost of their product. METRO HALIFAX

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Feds pledge $66M for 14 Wing air base

MILITARY Ottawa will spend $66 million on improvements to a Nova Scotia air base.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay was in Greenwood today to announce the funding for 14 Wing.

The money will go to the building of a new health services centre on the base, a refuelling tender garage, a new fire hall, improvements to an existing hangar, and other work. The two-storey health centre will provide modern medical, dental and mental health services for Forces personnel.

Construction is expected to start over the winter.

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Police seize cash, equipment in grow-op bust

DRUGS Halifax RCMP and its Street Crime Enforcement Unit say they seized drugs from a home during a search Wednesday night in Cole Harbour.

Police say the 8 p.m. search took place at a residence on Taranaki Drive. A 28-plant marijuana grow-op in the basement, 100 marijuana plants, digital scales and cash were seized. Three adults and two youth face charges of possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking and cultivation of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking. METRO HALIFAX

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Opposition parties attacked the NDP budget Thursday as just that — an NDP budget.

The government has insisted it is mostly reintroducing the spring Tory budget because there wasn't time to make substantial changes.

But Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said the NDP loaded the bad news onto this budget to make things easier for them in the future.

"The deficit that's been created now, the $590 million, is clearly one, in my view, that's been inflated by this government," he said.

"There's a lot of front-loading with the attempt to make the financial situation of our province look worse today so they can blame it on the previous government."

McNeil said moves like pre-paying $341 million of next year's university budget are purely political.

Progressive Conservative Leader Karen Casey said she had "some satisfactions and some concerns" with the budget, but denied the massive deficit is the fault of the Tories.

"It's been said before and it'll be said many times again. When a government comes into power and there are things Nova Scotians or the people of any other province don't like, they blame it on the previous government," Casey proclaimed.

The Tories had projected a slim surplus, but that rested on far rosier economic projections. An independent audit by consulting firm Deloitte concluded the Tory numbers were not realistic.

Thursday Casey responded by saying the NDP numbers are not trustworthy and make things look worse than they are.

Both the Liberals and Tories accused the NDP of taking a political swipe at Tory MP Murray Scott when they removed about $17 million for a new Springhill corrections centre in his riding.



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Finance Minister Graham Steele is given a standing ovation from Premier Darrell Dexter and his NDP colleagues after delivering the 2009-10 budget at Province House Thursday.

Public servants, unions getting mixed messages from budget

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Union members and civil servants were being sent mixed messages from Thursday's budget.

With hundreds of community college teachers and staff able to walk off the job, many were looking to see if the budget would include extra money to ease the situation.

There was some reason for optimism. Money designated to union bargaining is intentionally hidden inside a larger "restructuring" fund. Union leaders no doubt liked that the fund went up $54 million from the spring budget. The only other new draw on that fund is H1N1 preparation.

But, on the other hand, the province needs to make massive cuts to climb out of deficit next year. The budget contained ominous language about how that will be reflected in contracts.

"If there's going to be any kind of expenditure restraint the agreements that are made at the bargaining table have to reflect the fiscal position of the province," Finance Minister Graham Steele said.

The province must negotiate 45 contracts involving 22,000 people between now and the end of March.

NSGEU president Joan Jessome showed no signs of backing down. "I'm not expecting rollbacks. I'm not expecting freezes. I am expecting an increase," she said.

"You have to have public servants to run a province and they have to be paid. They have to receive a decent salary increase."

Residential fire leaves couple, baby homeless

EMERGENCY A young family is homeless after fire destroyed their home located in the Mount Uniacke area around 2 a.m. Thursday.

A Canadian Red Cross release said the couple and young infant escaped the fire in their Lakelands home at 42 Coles Cres. without injury.

The family is now staying with neighbours and volunteers are assisting the family by getting them personal and baby-care items, including a replacement teddy bear.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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Melvin Jr. opts for trial by jury

Jimmy Melvin Jr. has elected trial by jury in Nova Scotia Supreme Court for drug and weapon charges he faces from a traffic stop this month in Dartmouth. Melvin Jr., who has several matters before the court, was denied bail Sept. 15 on the charges. METRO HALIFAX

Fire devastates community centre

Overnight blaze also strikes volunteer fire station in Beaver Bank Kinsac

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The community of Beaver Bank Kinsac is picking up the pieces after a fire ravaged its community centre and adjoining volunteer fire station overnight Wednesday.

Capt. Dave Meldrum of Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service said Thursday crews were called to the blaze on Beaver Bank Road at 11:48 p.m., and were still putting out hot spots six hours later.

He said the community centre side of the building — which houses a daycare, an RCMP community office and a public computer-access facility — was "significantly damaged" and "probably lost."

"There was both a significant amount of flames and a large amount of smoke produced," Meldrum said. "It was a large fire at the start but it was well under control by 6 a.m. (Thursday)."

He said the adjoining Beaver Bank Kinsac Volunteer Fire Department wasn't staffed when the fire broke out. There were no injuries.

"There were sparks flying from the back. So I sent my son over to have a look at what was going on and he said the back deck was engulfed in flames, so I called 911," Charlotte Hazel, a longtime area resident who lives directly across the street from the fire, said Thursday.

"The next thing, the roof had fire going right over top of it."

"Basically, the roof (of the community centre) didn't exist by the time I got here at 12:20 a.m.," added Lindsay Shano, who just moved to Bedford from Beaver Bank.

Shano said Thursday she heard the blaze had started in the back classroom of the daycare where she had worked. "It moved very, very quickly and all we can do is thank God it didn't happen when someone was in there."

Halifax RCMP closed the road in front of the building during the fire, and reopened it to one lane only after 6 a.m. to help get morning traffic through. Meldrum said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

"We don't have any indication of (it being suspicious in nature) at this time, but the investigation is in its very early stage."

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Firefighters walk in front of the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre and adjacent volunteer fire department following a blaze overnight Wednesday at the building. The centre was extensively damaged in the fire and the cause is under investigation.

Classes cut

- The Halifax Regional School Board cancelled classes Thursday for students at nearby Beaver Bank-Kinsac Elementary School because of the strong smell of smoke from the fire.

Residents seek to restore scorched centre after blaze

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RECOVERY It's not just the hub of the community — it's the heart and soul, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank Coun. Barry Dalrymple said of the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre and volunteer fire department that burned overnight Wednesday.

"It's the community's lifeblood," Dalrymple said Thursday. "I know community halls are important to all communities they are in, but you'll find in some of these rural communities it's far more crucial because we don't have school gyms to back it up ... (and) we don't have church halls."

Dalrymple spent several hours Thursday morning at the fire scene, and was joined by "a tonne" of other area residents.

While "there were a lot of people with tears in their eyes," Dalrymple said residents are now looking toward the future.

"By the time I had left it was, 'What do we have to do tonight? What do we have to do tomorrow? What are the first steps to getting this rebuilt?'"

"In some of these rural communities (the community centre is) far more crucial because we don't have school gyms to back it up." Coun. Barry Dalrymple

Brad Johns, a former area councillor who because of district re-distribution now represents Middle and Upper Sackville-Lucasville, was a key person in getting the $4.5-million facility built in 2004.

Johns said Thursday morning he spoke with Mayor Peter Kelly and was told "it's a priority to get this building up and running again as soon as possible."

"I'm going to take a wild guess and say it's a total loss," Johns said after visiting the scene.

Lindsay Shano, who worked in the upstairs daycare that housed about 80 children, said on Thursday the centre "really brought everyone together."

"Give us some hammers and nails and the community will put it back together," she proclaimed.

Members of the volunteer fire department were able to get their equipment out of the building during the blaze, as a fire wall separated their section from the community centre.

Dalrymple said the community hopes to keep the bays available to the fire department while the rebuilding process takes place.

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Overpass construction to cause traffic delays

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FAIRVIEW Construction on the Fairview overpass is expected to kick off on Oct. 5, which means traffic tie-ups while the necessary overhaul takes place over the next six months.

"We do expect that traffic will be delayed, however we're trying to mitigate that by keeping (up to) three lanes open," Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Department spokeswoman Patricia Jreige said Thursday.

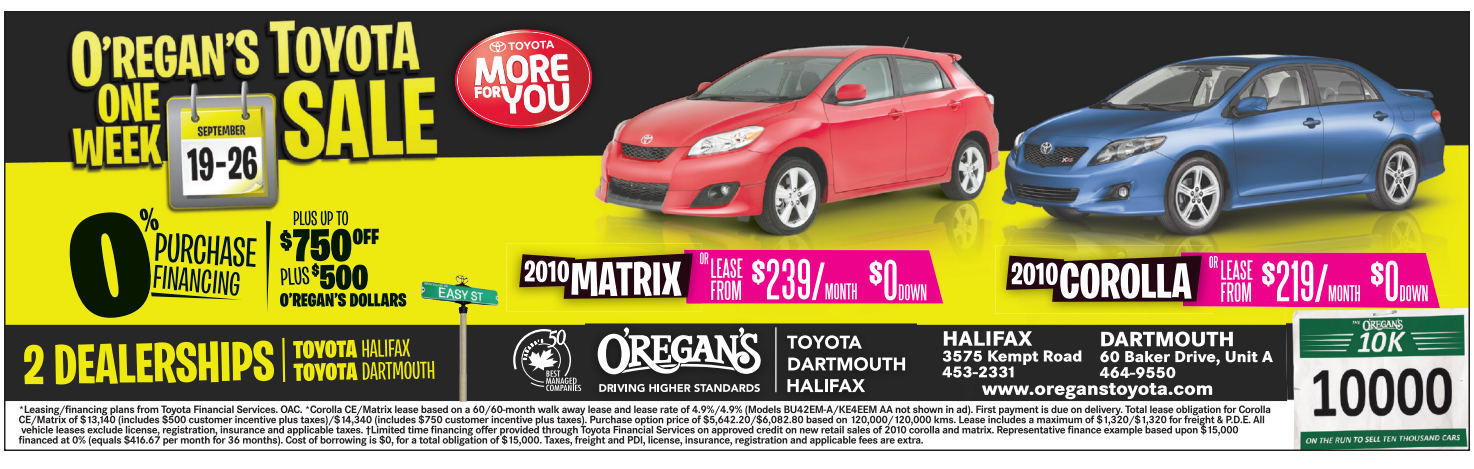
Motorists still "might want to consider using alternate routes (and) driving at different times," she said, adding it may be inconvenient but the construction on the busy stretch leading to the Bedford Highway is "a vital project to keep the overpass safe."

The province has awarded the contract to demolish and rebuild the south side of the overpass to Dexter Construction Ltd., with a price tag of $5 million.

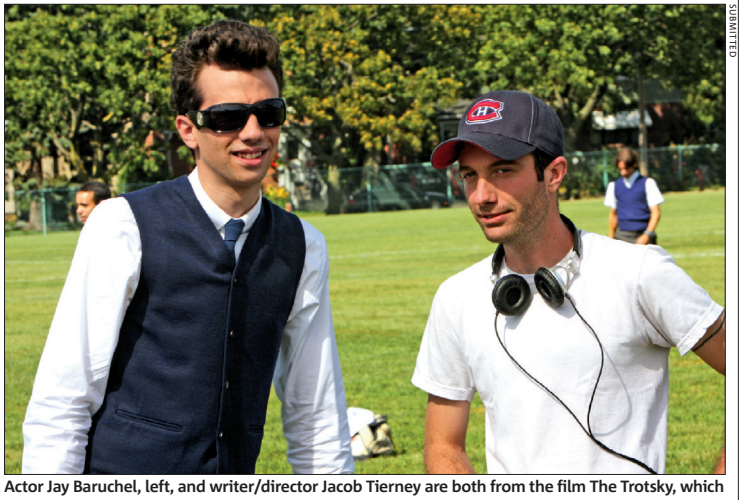
Annual inspections of the older part of the overpass show "significant work" is needed, the provincial government says.

Jreige added inspections also show the Fairview overpass was designed similarly to the overpass in Laval, Que., that collapsed and killed five people three years ago.

Reversing lanes won't be used to ease traffic congestion because they "could pose a risk to workers and the drivers, if there's confusion about which lanes are opened," especially during the winter months, Jreige said.



Walking against violence
The Cornwallis Street Baptist Church is holding a walk Sunday at 2 p.m. titled We Care — Walk Against Violence and for Racial Reconciliation. METRO HALIFAX


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Actor Jay Baruchel, left, and writer/director Jacob Tierney are both from the film The Trotsky, which is closing out this year's Atlantic Film Festival in Halifax. The film is being shown Saturday at the Oxford Theatre at 7 p.m.

Closing credits coming

Atlantic Film Festival wraps up this weekend

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Grab some popcorn now, because time is running out to take in a flick at the 29th annual Atlantic Film Festival.

But don't fret just yet, because Friday and Saturday offer up a plethora of local, national and international film fare to keep movie buffs satisfied right up until the Empire Theatres Closing Night Gala Party. So take programming manager Andrew Murphy's advice and check out these gems while you can:

First on Murphy's list of must-sees is Suck, starring Canadian actress Jessica Pare as part of "a vampire rock band." The film is directed by Rob Stefaniuk, who also appears in Suck alongside the likes of Iggy Pop and Alice Cooper. The screening starts at 7 p.m. Friday in the Oxford Theatre.

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Murphy says he's a huge fan of Ole Bornedal, the director of Danish film Deliver Us From Evil, which plays Friday at 7:10 p.m. in the Park Lane theatre on Spring Garden Road. He called it a "dark film" that is "pretty amazing to watch visually."

From dark to light, Murphy described Pop Star On Ice as "one of the funniest" films at the festival. It tells the tale of award-wining American figure skater Johnny Weir and rolls Friday at 9:35 p.m., also in Park Lane. "You're just laughing from start to finish with him."

The ViewFinders Gala features Irish animated film The Secret of Kells, which will be followed by seven pieces produced locally by young people, including Sprytown: The Real Deal by three Nova Scotians trying "to dispel the stereotypes," the festival website says. The gala begins at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Oxford Theatre.

Murphy admitted he's "most excited about closing night" — both the much-anticipated The Trotsky and the after-party at the Shoe Shop and the Seahorse on Halifax's always hopping Argyle Street. Check out Jay Baruchel starring in The Trotsky on Saturday at 7 p.m., also in the Oxford Theatre.

Organizer calling festival a success

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"We just have a really amazing team this year and I think it's lent itself to a really successful festival."
Andrew Murphy, AFF programming manager

EVENT Atlantic Film Festival programming manager Andrew Murphy says he's not keen on sounding cliché, but it seems he just can't help himself, stating this year's event may very well be "the best one yet."

"When you put on an event like this, you always worry that it's either going to go really, really well or really, really badly," he said by phone Thursday.

Fortunately, Murphy said, the 29th festival is ending up on the "really well" side of that equation, although the box office numbers won't be added up until next week, after organizers can officially call it a wrap.

"We just have a really amazing team this year and I think it's lent itself to a really successful festival," he said of the annual Halifax event, which started last Thursday with a screening of the Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day at the Oxford Theatre and ends at the same spot this Saturday with The Trotsky.

"Everyone is just a little run down, but very happy," he said with a chuckle.

In fact, Murphy said last Saturday's midnight screening of the Best Worst Movie brought out "one of the most vocal" audiences he's ever witnessed.

"These people were just wild, they were yelling out loud and laughing and talking back to the screen," he said. "People were completely absorbed in this film."

Murphy credits this year's success to "a combination of the staff being really dedicated to pulling this off (and) the calibre of films."

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Feds dole out $2.1M for regional development
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Isabella Yuan holds up a pair of Canadian flags as she and her 19-month-old daughter Sophia Chou have some fun at a citizenship ceremony on Thursday. Yuan, who is from Taiwan and now lives in North Sydney, was one of 55 new Canadians sworn in during Thursday's ceremony.

Becoming Canadian

55 new citizens sworn in at ceremony

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

From China and India to Russia and the United States, Canada welcomed its newest citizens Thursday at a swearing in ceremony in Halifax.

Among the 55 people from 25 countries was Adaab al-Sheikh Ali, his wife, Montaha, their young children Ahmad, Mohammad and Rama. The family moved to Canada from Jordan in 2004.

"I have part of my family here, so we came here. I got my PhD and my wife, she got her Master's. Now I'm working at Dalhousie University and my wife is a teacher in a bilingual school," al-Sheikh Ali said. "It's a beautiful city; quiet, not too busy, and the people here are so helpful and friendly."

While he and his family had most of the same rights as Canadian citizens when they were in the application process, citizenship means they get to vote and to travel and work more easily across Canada.

"It's a big day, after five years now to have citizenship," he said.

Thursday also marked the 30th anniversary of the private sponsorship of refugees, which allowed third parties like churches to help fleeing people become citizens. It was born out of the "boat people" crisis, which saw more than one million refugees leave South-east Asia after the Vietnam War.

"When refugees come to the country, they are either sponsored by individuals, private organizations or the government," said Citizenship and Immigration Department spokesman Jon Stone. "To help us with that challenge, a number of community groups came together to privately sponsor refugees."

Representatives of the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches were honoured for their dedication to the program over the last three decades.

Despite the lengthy ceremony, federal citizenship judge Linda Carvery welcomed each person by name, taking time for a little conversation.

From all over

- The 55 new Canadians Thursday are from 25 different countries. They include China, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Thailand and the United States.

Post-secondary schools make credit transfers easier

EDUCATION The region's universities and colleges announced Thursday they've agreed to create "a more seamless" post-secondary educational experience for their students.

The Association of Atlantic Universities, the Atlantic Provinces Community College Consortium, and the member institutions of both groups have signed a memorandum of understanding to encourage credit transfers so students don't have to repeat curriculum.

"Today's learners enter post-secondary education at many different points in their lives," Joan McArthur-Blair, president of Nova Scotia Community College, said in a news release. "They want flexible delivery options, and they are increasingly more likely to switch programs or seek our multiple credentials to enhance their career paths."

The AAU news release also says the MOU recognizes that individual institutions "are responsible for overall evaluation and programming and will make these decisions based upon their (own) standards."

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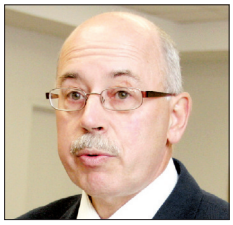
Halifax Regional Police say an 18-year-old female was taken to hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries after being struck by a vehicle while crossing South Park Street and Spring Garden Road. The incident took place Thursday at 3 p.m. and police are now determining if charges will be laid. METRO HALIFAX

Police chief tribunal to be open to public

Hearing into firing of top cop in Stellarton set to last 2 weeks

The public will have an opportunity to learn why Stellarton's former police chief was unceremoniously dumped from his post after 36 years of service.

A Nova Scotia Police Review Board tribunal regarding Amby Heighton's dismissal will be made public, the board determined Wednesday.



Minister of Justice Ross Landry.

The decision quashes an application for a closed hearing made by several members of the RCMP, including Ross Landry the former Pictou County district commanding officer who now serves as Nova Scotia's Minister of Justice.

The tribunal, which is expected to last two weeks, begins Monday.

The decision to allow the public and media organizations into the hearings is a positive development, especially for the taxpayers of Stellarton, said Dave Glenen, managing editor of The New Glasgow News.

"When a police chief is fired, the public should have a right to know why," Glenen said. "The citizens of Stellarton deserve to know that their representatives are acting in their best interest."

Legal representation from this newspaper as well as the CBC argued against closing the tribunal to the public.

The events which led to Heighton's dismissal haven't been made public. In November 2007, six complaints were filed against the former chief and the Town of Stellarton fired him in October 2008.

Immediately following Heighton's dismissal the town, on the advice of its solicitor Hector MacIsaac, had opted to decline public comment due to concern over civil liability. The town has since changed its position.

Attempts to reach Landry Wednesday afternoon were not successful, however he withdrew his request for a publication ban on documents he authored, which may be heard during the tribunal, as well as his involvement in the hearing.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Nasty smell linked to cleanup of Sysco lands

REMEDIATION A pungent odour that floated through a Whitney Pier neighbourhood this week has been traced to a cleanup project on former Sysco lands.

Dominion Street resident Kelly Grant said a haze, accompanied by a strange odour, was hanging over the neighbourhood Wednesday morning.

He immediately reported the problem to the Department of Environment, which is investigating the problem.

"We tracked it back to the high dump on the former Sysco site and it appeared to be emanating from coal tar that they were mixing onsite," said Jason Catoul, an inspector specialist from Nova Scotia Environment. "It had a really strong odour."

Catoul said the smell was the result of mixing coal tar with fly ash as part of remediation work being carried out by Crown corporation Nova Scotia Lands Inc. at the former Sydney Steel Corporation site.

Remediation work continued despite the smell. Department investigators said they did not perform any tests Wednesday in relation to the odour.

"When we were onsite it was decided we should review the approval before we take any action," said Catoul. "I can't say what will happen in the future if that were to occur again."

Officials were scheduled to meet Thursday with the contractor to discuss what can be done to prevent the smell from returning.

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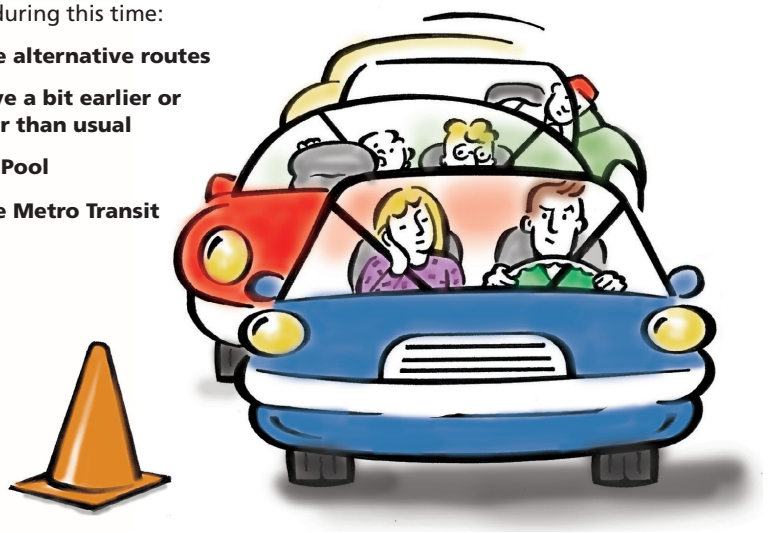
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Canada concludes reactor negotiations: Day

Kazakhstan — home to the former Soviet Union's main nuclear test site — could soon be buying nuclear reactors from Canada. Trade Minister Stockwell Day says Canadian officials have concluded negotiations with the country on a Nuclear Co-operation Agreement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Feds want answers on info transfer

The federal government has asked Canada's privacy commissioner to look into whether the RCMP should have passed on personal information from the national gun registry to a pollster. Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, left, called the RCMP's release of information to the EKOS polling firm "offensive and inappropriate" and said it would not have been approved if the ministry had been consulted, said ministry spokesperson Chris McCluskey. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2010 Games plugging into social media

TECHNOLOGY Social media lets people eavesdrop on conversations between celebrities or be eyewitnesses to revolutions around the world. It's also bringing down the walls around another secret garden: the Olympics.

Technologies that allow regular citizens to connect to the Games are slowly being adopted by international and local Olympic organizers.

It's a major step forward for the movement, which has often been criticized for a top-down approach to communication — the IOC once spoke and expected people to listen.

But the explosion of blogs, Facebook and message boards is beginning to force them to listen a little more themselves.

"Clearly if you want to talk to people you have to use the channels that are available," said Mark Adams, the director of communications for the IOC.

"We can't ignore them. They are there and people are going to talk with you or about you, you might as well talk with them."

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PM arrives at G20 summit

TALKS Prime Minister Stephen Harper has arrived at the G20 summit in Pittsburgh for crucial talks on the economy and climate change.

The G20 leaders are meeting for the third time in less than a year, mainly in the hopes of resolving the global financial crisis.

They hope to reach an agreement on how best to slowly remove huge stimulus packages that have underpinned the fragile economic recovery.

Climate change has also thrust its way to centre stage in the wake of ground-shifting talks at the United Nations in New York. New climate-change commitments this week from China and Japan have ratcheted up pressure on Harper and other leaders to put money and measures on the table.

Harper arrived in Pittsburgh after meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

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Ottawa **Trump takes questions**



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Donald Trump points to a member of the media who has a question during a media scrum at the Eastern Ontario Economic Showcase in Ottawa on Thursday. Trump is a key speaker at the forum.

Critics blast prison policy

Feds pandering to public: Report

Decades of evidence on prison policy is being trumped by ideology and populist pandering, says an independent report on the Conservative government's corrections road map.

"Raw wedge politics — in place of studied evidence — is the new face of public policy for Canada," Graham Stewart, one of the study's co-authors, said at a news conference Thursday.

Stewart and Michael Jackson, a law professor at the University of British Columbia, have written a 235-page deconstruction of the Harper government's 2007 blueprint for revamping Canadian corrections policies.

Their scathing analysis contends that the government road map starts with what they call an ideological "myth" — that human rights are at odds with public safety.

"What that's doing is polarizing a discussion about corrections in a really unfortunate way," said Stewart.

"It creates the notion that the decent treatment of prisoners is somehow putting the public at risk, when in fact it's the complete reverse. ...

"We don't believe that abuse improves people."

Sloganeering

- It was exactly the kind of simple sloganeering that Stewart and Jackson's report repeatedly attacks as unfounded, based on "reams of research" in Canada, the United States and abroad.

Their analysis was immediately dismissed by Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, who made a point of referring repeatedly to Jackson as "the professor."

"The professor has a different philosophy than us," Van Loan told CBC Newsworld.

"We think the protection of society has to come first."

Over the last three decades the per capita rate of U.S. prison incarceration has skyrocketed compared with Canada, they noted, yet the two countries' crime rates have risen and fallen together.

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Police call off crash search
Quebec provincial police called off a search for a small airplane because they don't believe it ever went down. THE CANADIAN PRESS


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Michael J. Fox and Katie Hood, CEO of The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, speak at a MaRS Centre press conference about important areas of research being conducted in Toronto, stem-cell biology at the McEwen Centre for Regenerative Medicine and Parkinson's research at Toronto Western Hospital Thursday.

Fox looks for a cure

Actor's foundation now a full charity in Canada

His speech is a bit slurred and his body has a mind of its own, but Michael J. Fox's passion for finding a cure for the disease that has afflicted him and millions of others worldwide is clear and unequivocal.

The Canadian-born actor, diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1991, was in Toronto on Thursday to announce that his foundation supporting research into the degenerative condition is now a fully registered charity in his home country.

"I was really pumped that we can give our supporters in Canada an opportunity in Canada to participate in what we're doing," Fox told a packed news conference.

The diminutive, award-winning TV and film actor founded the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research in 2000, and the organization has since funded almost $150 million in grants to scientists worldwide — including a number in Canada.

"My rule was I only had to be smart enough to find people who were smarter than me and keep them close — and it was distressingly easy." Michael J. Fox

"I'm not an MBA, I'm not a PhD, I'm not an administrator. I just wanted to do something," said Fox, who publicly disclosed his battle with Parkinson's in 1998. "And through talking to people I had the idea that a focused approach to research would be helpful."

"My rule was I only had to be smart enough to find people who were smarter than me and keep them close — and it was distressingly easy," he said to laughter.

The goal of the foundation is to help bring about new treatments — and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's — and thereby become unnecessary, he said.

"We're not building for perpetuity. We're in business to go out of business."

Parkinson's is a progressive neurological condition that causes tremors, rigid muscles and balance problems. Symptoms arise due to the death of brain cells that produce dopamine.

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Squabbling endemic: Ex-Grit

POLITICS The fierce squabble over Martin Cauchon's political comeback is symptomatic of a party that has lost sight of the most basic tenets of democracy, says a former national director of the Liberal party.

"We've turned into one big appointment society," Sheila Gervais told The Canadian Press.

"It's a perfect democratic deficit storm."

The storm has been gathering for more than 25 years but reached its peak this week with Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff's decision to appoint a woman in the prized Montreal riding of Outremont.

The decision thwarted Cauchon's hopes to run again in the riding he represented for 11 years until his retirement from politics in 2004. And it sparked a backlash among rank-and-file Liberals.

Ignatieff confirmed Thursday he's now "in discussions with Mr. Cauchon to make sure he can rejoin our team." His Quebec lieutenant, Denis Coderre, later disclosed that the former cabinet minister is being offered another Montreal riding, Jeanne-Le Ber - an offer insiders say Cauchon is unlikely to accept.

Gervais, who's long championed democratic reform in the party, said she has "no relevant opinion" about who should be the Liberal candidate in Outremont or anywhere else. She simply believes the choice should be left strictly to grassroots members in each riding.

Instead, she said Liberals and Conservatives have been straying ever farther from that democratic ideal.

She pointed out that Ignatieff himself was not elected as leader. He was installed without a contest last December at the behest of party brass and Liberal MPs. Most of those MPs, Gervais said, have been appointed themselves or protected for years from having to face democratic challenges.

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Body bags still a mystery for Aglukkaq

It has been over a week but Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq says she still doesn't know why dozens of body bags were sent to some Manitoba reserves in preparation for flu season. "It is deeply regrettable," she said after a meeting with Grand Chief Ron Evans of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Adil Charkaoui

Court kills case against terror suspect

The federal government's case against a man it claims has terrorism ties unravelled Thursday.

A Federal Court judge in Montreal dismissed the stringent court-ordered conditions he still faced.

Adil Charkaoui effectively became a free man after Justice Daniele Tremblay-Lamer's decision to quash the security certificate that has shadowed his every move for six years.

The certificates are rarely used immigration provisions for expelling foreign-born individuals who are considered a security risk .

"I was waiting for this day since 2003."
Adil Charkaoui

"I was waiting for this day since 2003," Charkaoui said outside the courthouse.

"Six years of deprivation of freedom, two years in jail, four years with this bracelet and very draconian conditions before."

His lawyer, Johanne Doyon, hailed Thursday's ruling. "He is a free man with no orders against him," Doyon said.

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Iggy fields a blow to Tories

POLITICS Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff used an empty field in Ontario on Thursday to illustrate why his party can no longer support the Conservative minority government.

Ignatieff stood in front of an undeveloped infrastructure project in Burlington to release research that suggests only 12 per cent of $4 billion set aside for job-creating projects has flowed.

That's a far cry from the Harper government's claim that 80 per cent of its economic stimulus plan is being implemented.

"It's one of the important reasons why our party is unable to continue supporting this government," Ignatieff said.

"The reason is right here in this field, this kind of inaction, this kind of game playing."

The Tories say the project, a park, has not yet been built because the city asked that construction begin next spring.

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Sally Ann draws ire of sex-worker advocates in B.C.

TRAFFICKING B.C. prostitution advocates are demanding the Salvation Army end its campaign against human sex trafficking.

The army wants supporters to take action in its "weekend of prayer."

But the Pivot Legal Society and Sex Industry Worker Safety Action Group say it will go beyond prayers to placing bloody mannequins outside strip clubs and massage parlours.

The Vancouver groups say it's insulting to suggest all sex workers are victims of human trafficking.

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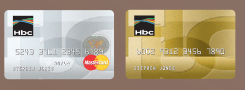
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Report raps B.C. over boy's death

Finds social services failed child

The stabbing death of a six-year-old boy at the hands of his father was a "disturbing" example of the lack of co-ordination of services in domestic abuse cases, says British Columbia's independent children's representative.

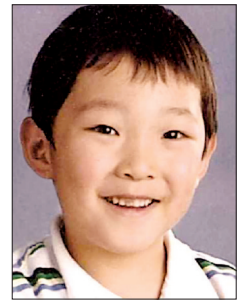
In an 88-page report, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond recounts the violent death of Christian Lee, who was stabbed to death by his father, Peter Lee, in 2007.

Christian's mother, Sunny Lee, and her parents were also slain before Peter Lee turned his knife on himself near Victoria.

Turpel-Lafond says the necessary components to protect children like Christian are still not in place.

The report found that in the six weeks prior to the deaths of Christian and his family, their lives crossed paths with many service providers — including two municipal police departments, an RCMP detachment, social workers and staff, medical staff, Crown counsel, two therapists and several lawyers.

But these experienced and professional bodies were not working together and a human tragedy followed, the report says.



Stabbing victim Christian Lee.

"As a province, we have to find a better way to assist those living in domestic violence, better than what was provided to Sunny Park and Christian Lee and Christian Lee's grandparents," Turpel-Lafond said at a press conference.

> **"As a province, we have to find a better way."**
> Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond

"This is a major public safety issue in British Columbia," she said.

"My best estimate is in the last five years in British Columbia there have been 70 homicides related to domestic violence."

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Latimer wins bid for more leave

LIFE SENTENCE The National Parole Board has approved Robert Latimer's bid for an extended leave from his halfway house.

Latimer had requested an unknown amount of time over the five days a month and three days a week he is already authorized to leave his halfway house in British Columbia.

The Saskatchewan farmer is serving a life sentence in the 1993 death of his severely disabled daughter, Tracy, 12.

Latimer, 56, is eligible for full parole in December 2010.

But he can submit his application a few months before that date.

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News in brief

GAS Canada's first liquefied natural gas terminal opened Thursday in Saint John, N.B. Repsol and Irving Oil partnered on the $1-billion terminal, which will supply natural gas to the U.S. The huge terminal on the shores of the Bay of Fundy is said to be the first of its kind to be built on the east coast of North America in 30 years. With a deep-water, ice-free port and a modern jetty, the terminal can receive LNG tankers year-round. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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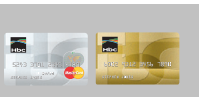
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Trump denies knowing Gadhafi would be renting property
A White Plains, NY, town official says Donald Trump told her he did not know Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi might be involved when he rented out a section of his estate this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World



Temperature rise inevitable: Report

A United Nations update says Earth's temperature is likely to jump nearly three degrees Celsius by 2100 even if every country cuts greenhouse gas emissions as planned. Scientists looked at emission plans from 192 nations and calculated what would happen to global warming. They said China's pollution alone accounts for nearly two degrees of increase. The update also said sea level rise and loss of Arctic sea ice looks to be worse than projected just two years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

G8 gives Iran ultimatum, China balks

NUCLEAR Pressure deepened against Iran on Thursday when the world's eight top economic powers gave Tehran until year's end to cease enriching uranium or face new sanctions, but resistance from China could undermine the effort.

Washington has been pushing for heavier sanctions if Iran does not agree to end enrichment, which many nations believe is part of Tehran's drive to build a nuclear weapon. Iran says its nuclear program is designed to generate electricity. But, the prospects of pushing a new sanctions resolution through the Security Council were undercut Thursday when China, one of the veto-wielding permanent members, rejected the idea.

Instead, more diplomatic efforts are needed, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told reporters in Beijing at a news conference, reiterating a long-held stance.

Current UN sanctions on Iran are meant to prohibit exports of sensitive nuclear material and technology.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in his Wednesday speech to the General Assembly, did not mention the nuclear issue.

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Breakthrough in AIDS research

For the first time, an experimental vaccine has prevented infection with the AIDS virus, a watershed event in the deadly epidemic and a surprising result. Recent failures led many scientists to think such a vaccine might never be possible.

The World Health Organization and the UN agency UNAIDS said the results "instilled new hope" in the field of HIV vaccine research.

The vaccine — a combination of two previously unsuccessful vaccines — cut the risk of becoming infected with HIV by more than 31 per cent in the world's largest AIDS vaccine trial of more than 16,000 volunteers in Thailand, researchers announced Thursday in Bangkok.

Even though the benefit is modest, "it's the first evidence that we could have a safe and effective preventive vaccine," Col. Jerome Kim told The Associated Press. He helped lead the study for the U.S. Army, which sponsored it with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Alan Bernstein, executive director of the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, said it was a landmark day.

"It is the very first time that there's been any evidence that it would be possible to develop a vaccine that would confer protection against HIV in humans," Bernstein, the past president of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, said from New York.

"I can't tell you how exciting a day this is."

Even a marginally helpful vaccine could have a big impact. Every day, 7,500 people worldwide are newly infected with HIV; two million died of AIDS in 2007, UNAIDS estimates.

The study tested the two-vaccine combination in a "prime-boost" approach.

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Protesters, police clash at G20 summit

PITTSBURGH Police threw canisters of pepper spray and smoke at marchers protesting the Group of 20 summit Thursday in Pittsburgh after anarchists responded to calls to disperse by rolling trash bins and throwing rocks.

The march turned chaotic at just about the same time that U.S. President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama arrived for a meeting with leaders of the world's major economies. The clashes began after hundreds of protesters, many advocating against capitalism, tried to march from an outlying neighbourhood toward the convention centre where the summit is being held.



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Demonstrators march Thursday in protest of the G20 summit.

The hundreds of marchers included small groups of self-described anarchists, some wearing dark clothes and bandanas and carrying black flags. Others wore helmets and safety goggles. About an hour after the clashes started, the police and protesters were at a standoff. Police sealed off main thoroughfares to downtown Pittsburgh. Some of the protesters were seen ducking into alleyways to change out of their all-black clothing and then milling about in the street.

The march had begun at a city park, where an activist from New York City, dressed in a white suit with a preacher's collar, started it off with a speech through a bullhorn.

"They are not operating on Earth time. ... They are accommodating the devil," he said. "To love democracy and to love the Earth is to be a radical now." The activist, Billy Talen, travels the country preaching against consumerism. He initially identified himself as "the Rev. Billy from the Church of Life After Shopping."

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News in brief

U.K. British archaeological experts say an amateur treasure-hunter has uncovered one of the largest caches of Anglo-Saxon treasure ever found. An Anglo-Saxon expert formerly with the British Museum's Department of Prehistory and Europe, Leslie Webster, says the 1,500-piece find is on par with the Book of Kells, one of the best-known illuminated manuscripts in the world.

MARS A spacecraft orbiting Mars has spotted water ice in several impact craters midway between the north pole and equator — the first time ice so close to the surface has been discovered so far south on the red planet. Instruments on NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter estimated that the newfound ice is 99 per cent pure. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Eight charged for casino scam
Eight people have been charged in San Diego with conspiracy to cheat casinos in the U.S. and Canada of millions of dollars by bribing dealers to rig card games. U.S. prosecutors contend more than two dozen casinos were victimized in Canada, California, Nevada, Connecticut and Louisiana. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suspect had bomb material, officials say

An Afghan immigrant who received explosives training from al-Qaida went from one beauty supply store to another, buying up large quantities of hydrogen peroxide and nail-polish remover, in a chilling plot to build bombs for attacks on U.S. soil, authorities charged Thursday.

Najibullah Zazi, a 24-year-old shuttle driver at the Denver airport, was indicted in New York on charges of conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction. Investigators found bomb-making instructions on his computer's hard drive and said Zazi used a hotel room in Colorado to try to cook up explosives a few weeks ago before a trip to New York.

The extent of Zazi's ties to al-Qaida was unclear, but if the allegations prove true, this could be the first operating al-Qaida cell to be uncovered inside the U.S. since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Prosecutors said they have yet to establish exactly when and where the Zazi attacks were supposed to take place. But Attorney General Eric Holder said in Washington, "We believe any imminent threat arising from this case has been disrupted."

A law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Thursday that Zazi had associates in New York who were in on the plot.

Zazi was arrested in Denver last weekend and was charged along with his father and a New York City imam with lying to investigators.

Authorities said in the past few days that they feared Zazi and others might have been planning to detonate homemade bombs on New York trains.

Explosives built with hydrogen peroxide killed 52 people four years ago in the London transit system. They are easy to conceal and detonate, and last week's warnings asked authorities to be on the lookout for them.

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Deep concern

- A U.S. law enforcement official said Thursday that authorities had been so worried about terror suspect Najibullah Zazi — and that his Sept. 10 trip to New York City coincided with a visit by President U.S. Barack Obama — that they considered arresting him as soon as he reached the city.

Honduras **Zelaya still in hiding**



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People protest against Honduras' ousted President Manuel Zelaya at the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa Thursday. Zelaya and his loyalists took shelter Monday at the Brazilian Embassy and Honduras' interim president Roberto Micheletti vowed to arrest Zelaya if he leaves the shelter of the diplomatic mission

Reunited brothers get another surprise

MAINE Two co-workers who discovered this summer that they are long-lost brothers and who reunited this week with their two half sisters have a new surprise — a half brother has surfaced.

George Pomeroy of Biddeford, Maine, told WCSH-TV on Thursday that he shares a father with Randy Joubert and Gary Nisbet. He said the men lived with his family as youngsters before they were taken by the state and adopted by different families about 35 years ago.

Joubert told The Associated Press that Pomeroy presented documents that prove their relationship. He said Pomeroy was the last sibling on his "search list," so any others who might come forward would be more closely scrutinized.

Nisbet spent seven years as a furniture mover for a local bedding retailer when he was joined by new colleague Joubert, who looked so much like him that customers asked whether they were brothers. After checking their original birth certificates, they realized they were.

After the men's story was publicized, half-sister Joanne Campbell showed up.

While appearing with her brothers on the Today television show on Tuesday, Campbell said a long-lost sister was still unaccounted for. Kathleen Cooper called NBC after watching the show from her home in Sarasota, Florida, and appeared on the show Wednesday for a surprise reunion with her siblings.

The co-worker brothers share a mother with the women; the sisters aren't related to Pomeroy.

The siblings have plans to get together soon, Joubert said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GERMANY Frank-Walter Steinmeier's Social Democratic party has narrowed their large poll deficit in the lead-up to German elections on Sunday.

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Psychiatrist says mom accused of killing baby competent to stand trial: Lawyer

The attorney for a Texas mother who allegedly told authorities the devil made her kill and mutilate her three-week-old son said Thursday that a jail psychiatrist believes his client is mentally fit to stand trial. A judge will consider that opinion at a November competency hearing for Otty Sanchez, 33. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China **Mao's grandson a general**



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Mao Xinyu, left, the grandson of late Chinese communist leader Mao Zedong, has become the youngest general in the People's Liberation Army at age 39, a Chinese newspaper said on Thursday.

Cops charge bikini baristas

Coffee servers alleged to have stripped for customers

Five Washington state baristas charged customers to touch their breasts and buttocks at an espresso stand where servers wear bikinis to draw business, police said.

The five were charged Wednesday with prostitution. Charging money for that kind of touching falls under the city's definition of prostitution.

The Everett Herald reports the women were charging up to $80 US to strip down while fixing lattes and mochas.

During a two-month investigation, detectives also saw the women lick whipped cream off each other and pose naked for pictures at the Grab-n-Go Espresso stand in Everett.

Owner Bill Wheeler told KCPQ-TV employees sign a policy prohibiting the kind of behaviour alleged by police. He said anyone caught doing anything illegal would be fired.

The women, ages 18 to 24, were not arrested, said Sgt. Robert Goetz. They were expected to be in municipal court in a few weeks to answer misdemeanour charges.

"This was about alleged conduct, not about what the women were wearing," he said. "They could have been wearing parkas and if they continued to conduct themselves that way, we still would have filed the criminal charges."

Undercover detectives began posing as customers in mid-July.

During one visit, a barista allegedly told a detective that for $20, she and another barista would give him a show. He paid and they bared their breasts and pulled down their undergarments.

The women also charged customers to play "basketball," a game in which customers threw wadded up money at the women, who caught the money in their underwear, detectives said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lewd conduct?

- The city council is expected to decide next week whether to change the city's lewd conduct ordinance to cover espresso stands.

Google books deal examined

ANTITRUST A judge noted the many objections to a $125 million US deal giving Google Inc. digital rights to millions of out-of-print books as he agreed Thursday to postpone a fairness hearing so the agreement can be rewritten to comply with copyright and antitrust laws.

The Department of Justice said last week that the agreement as it now stands probably violates antitrust law. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fertility mixup leads to questions

BABY A woman from Ohio who is carrying another woman's baby because of a fertility clinic error says she's still not sure where to place the blame.

Carolyn Savage told The Associated Press on Thursday that she and her husband have not been told who made the mistake or why it happened.

She says that "hopefully someday an explanation will come."

The 40-year-old woman from the Toledo suburb of Sylvania is due to give birth within the next two weeks. The couple say they will give the baby boy over to his biological parents, who live in Michigan.

The Savages' attorney says he's been contact with a lawyer for the fertility clinic. He says he hopes they can reach a resolution without going to court.

The Savages have not disclosed the name of the clinic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

ENVIRONMENT California air regulators have expanded the state's carbon-offset program to include forests across the country, creating the most far-reaching effort of its kind in the nation. The program is voluntary and was endorsed unanimously Thursday by the California Air Resources Board. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comment

Activists view the entire landscape

UrbanCompass



On Monday, News 95.7 talk show host Andrew Krystal invited listeners to weigh in on that hoary old chestnut: Another kerfuffle over another plan to wipe out another view of Halifax Harbour from Citadel Hill.

I didn't catch much during my commute, but I did hear Krystal noting that one listener said he had recently been to Calgary and witnessed a kazillion construction cranes rising up into the Big Sky from the thumping, entrepreneurial heart of Calgary's build-it-and-they-will-come downtown. In Calgary, he claimed, he hadn't heard one single, limp-wristed eco-preservationist freak protesting.

Uh … that's the point.

Calgary has no views worth preserving (save of the far-off foothills of the Rockies, which are probably best seen from higher elevations anyway).

Halifax does.

The fact we can still wander a livable city with its eclectic mix of old and new, walkable waterfront and, yes, even a few reach-for-the-sky downtown office towers that, thankfully, aren't the only places from which we can view the harbour, is a tribute to our eco-preservationist freaks. Long may they complain.

During the 1960s and early '70s, they waged a determined, multi-fronted campaign to save the city's historic waterfront from the wrecker's ball, stop big-dreaming bureaucrats from driving an eight-lane expressway through downtown and, in the process, protected iconic views of the harbour from historic Citadel Hill.

In January 1974, Halifax City Council unanimously approved a motion protecting 10 views from the Citadel affecting 300 acres of prime downtown real estate.

"In the larger sense," author and activist Elizabeth Pacey wrote, "the decision represented a sweeping achievement in the pioneer field of environmental protection legislation."

But not a permanent one.

Thanks to a Mack Truck-opening in Halifax's new HRMbyDesign strategy, developers propose to build a $300-million downtown convention centre on the former Halifax Herald and Midtown Tavern lands, complete with a sky-jutting 14-storey office tower and 18-storey hotel.

Those structures, say members of the Coalition to Save the View from Citadel Hill, will almost completely obliterate the view of George's Island from the Citadel. Their website offers a Photoshopped illustration of the result. It isn't pretty.

One doesn't have to want Halifax's downtown to be trapped forever in Paleolithic splendour to wonder why we need another hotel and office tower smack in the middle of a significant viewplane when there are plenty of already-approved-but-unbuilt projects downtown that would not wipe out a view that won't be replaced.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.

Views

Raising Expectations for adoptive families



Laura Eggertson

Families created through adoption or assisted reproduction should celebrate the new report in Ontario acknowledging the value and struggles it took to build those families.

Now it's time for Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and his cabinet to act on Raising Expectations' critical recommendations.

As an adoptive parent, and an adoptee, I know first-hand the barriers that hamper the efforts of families to adopt through the public system. The panel's first recommendations deal with adoption. Implementing the report's call for a central adoption agency, subsidies and post-adoption supports for parents of children classified as "special needs" would help dismantle those barriers.

As Raising Expectations points out, stigma, misconception and blame cloud both adoption and assisted reproduction. One such misconception is that doing nothing is a good option.

It costs $32,000 a year to keep a child in the care of the province. That's $300 million a year in total for 9,400 Crown wards.

Many friends have shared the emotional and physical toll that infertility treatments take. Those who eventually conceive are thrilled. Others are devastated by being unable to become a parent.

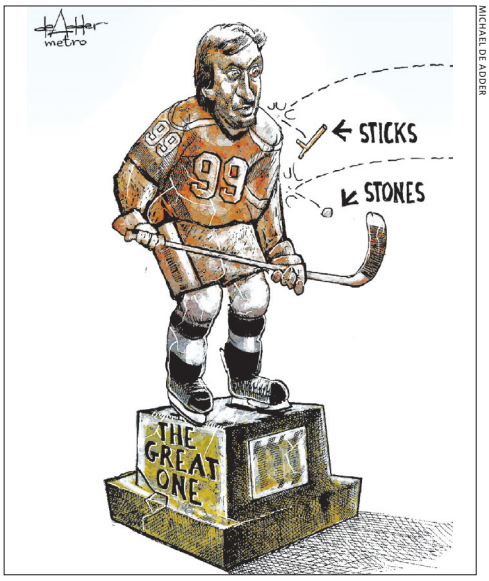
Their struggle also takes an economic toll on the province. That's because the high cost of fertility treatments — roughly $10,000 a cycle — encourages women to have several fertilized eggs implanted at once. That results in multiple births, which cost the health-care system more because of negative health outcomes for both mother and children.

Paying for three cycles of infertility treatments, as the report recommends, would reduce the incentive for multiple births and cut those health-care costs.

Making the legislative and policy changes required to support people prepared to parent the thousands of children waiting forever for families will further help the province's bottom line.

Even if you don't agree with the principles behind building strong, healthy families, the numbers tell the tale.

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Venezuela to pay Lafarge 40% of cost for nationalized companies

President Hugo Chavez's government said Wednesday it will immediately pay cement maker Lafarge SA 40 per cent ($118.5 million) of the agreed-upon purchase price for its Venezuelan subsidiaries nationalized last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

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Real estate recession over, report reveals

House hunters still waiting for prices to drop further before buying may have sat on the sidelines too long, according to a new report showing home values have recovered across Canada to where they were before the recent market drop.

Economists agree, saying the power has shifted to a seller's market in recent months, after the buyers were in control for more than a year.

"(The) bounce back that began in early spring has made this recession one of the shortest on record for real estate," said the Re/Max Bricks and Mortar Report released Thursday.

The survey says values are ahead of record highs set in 2008 in seven of the 11 markets surveyed for the brokerage network.

The national average price was $312,585, up 0.5 per cent from a year ago.

Re/Max said low interest rates, pent-up demand, and improved affordability as a result of record low interest rates are behind the recovery.

"Purchasers are clearly taking advantage of affordable prices and rock-bottom interest rates," said Re/Max executive vice-president Michael Polzler.

Polzler said home prices are rising and the number of properties for sale is tightening.

The survey shows home values were up the most in Newfoundland and Labrador, by 18.1 per cent from January to August to an average of $203,584, followed by a 6.4 per cent rise in Regina to $244,088 and a 3.5 per cent rise in Halifax-Dartmouth and Winnipeg, to $239,633 and $207,006 respectively.

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Feds reap billions?

- Economists estimate Ottawa could reap as much as $5 billion if chartered banks access the entire $125 billion that's available to them through a mortgages-for-cash swap facility put in place last October at the height of the financial crisis.
- The Globe and Mail reported Thursday Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has decided to keep the program in place after its original expiry date next week.

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China Socialism mixes with capitalism



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Workers line up to sing revolutionary songs ahead of their day's work in Nan Jie Cun, China. The village promotes itself as a model commune run on the socialist policies and its industries are collectively owned. Workers receive free housing and health care. But the village's businesses operate on a strictly capitalist basis, competing in China's ruthlessly competitive market. For many, Nan Jie Cun has become a different type of model, a mixture of the free market and government control that has made China a new world power.

Business in brief

SHARES Research In Motion Ltd. reported Thursday a profit of $475.6 million US, down from a year ago, as revenue grew more than 35 per cent. The BlackBerry smartphone maker, which keeps its books in U.S. dollars, said the profit amounted to 83 cents per diluted share for the quarter ended Aug. 29.

MEDIA Canwest Global Communications Corp. stock surged Thursday on the Toronto Stock Exchange, a day after the broadcaster announced the sale of its majority stake in Australian broadcaster Ten Network Holdings.

INDUSTRY The president of Japan Airlines said the money-losing carrier is applying for public funds to help turn around the company after it was pummelled by the downturn in global air travel.

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Credit card default rate at record level in Q2

REPORT The amount of unpaid Canadian credit card debt being written off by issuers has risen nearly 60 per cent to record levels in the second quarter compared to the same time last year, says a new report from Moody's.

What's more, credit card delinquency rates — the number of accounts 30 days past due — rose 23 per cent in the April-June period versus last year, the reports shows.

The credit rating agency said the charge-off rate hit a new high of 4.8 per cent, which is a 57 per cent increase from 3.07 per cent for the second quarter last year.

"The intensity of the current recession has led to charge-offs that have exceeded previous cyclical highs by a relatively wide margin," states the quarterly Moody's Canadian Credit Card Index.

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Charge-off

- A charge-off is when a creditor gives up collecting a delinquent debt. It then charges the debt off its books.

Clement to see if telecom deal benefits Canada



Tony Clement

NORTEL Ottawa will be reviewing the sale of Nortel Networks' enterprise division to U.S. telecom equipment giant Avaya Inc. to see if the deal will bring enough economic benefit to Canada.

Speaking Thursday to a group of investors, Industry Minister Tony Clement said Avaya's proposed deal will be subjected to the "net-benefit-to-Canada" test under the Industry Canada Act to ensure the transaction is in the country's best interests.

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Ecuador rejects Chevron's arbitration attempt
Ecuador has rejected Chevron's attempt at arbitration so it might share liability in a suit over damage to the Amazon rainforest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

G20 expected to back bank exec pay limits

G20 leaders are poised to adopt restrictions on the pay of bank executives, senior Canadian officials say.

Leaders will consider a series of recommendations that would defer the payment of bonuses to bankers and that would claw back those bonuses if the banks perform poorly, the officials said as talks among the G20 leaders were about to begin.

Another recommendation is to pay bankers partly in company stock, tying executives' fortunes to the health of the bank.

Standards

- U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner confirmed G20 countries had reached a consensus on banker compensation. Each country will set its own standards, but the Financial Stability Board will oversee the process, he said.

The recommendations are targeted at modifying the long-term performance of bank executives, but they're not an outright cap on their pay, as France and some other Europeans had argued for. Rather, it's a compromise championed by Canada, the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

The plan is contained in a report from the newly formed Financial Stability Board, a standard-setting body that includes officials from all G20 countries. The report will be given to leaders Friday for their approval, the Canadian officials said. At the same time, the leaders are poised to agree to a framework that would increase the level and the quality of the capital requirements of banks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec pays duped investors $7M

NORBOURG The Quebec government will distribute about $7 million to investors duped by former Norbourg Inc. head Vincent Lacroix.

Revenue Minister Robert Dutil said the money comes from income tax paid by Lacroix in 2005.

With interest, the amount is $6.7 million.

The sum is a far cry from the $100 million Lacroix scammed from some 9,200 investors. Lacroix sent his victims a letter of apology this week, a day after pleading guilty to 200 fraud-related charges and then being immediately jailed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

AUTO The inspector general for the U.S. Treasury Department's $700-billion bailout fund said Thursday he will review General Motors and Chrysler's closures of many of their auto dealerships as part of their restructuring plans. The companies said the closures were necessary to cut costs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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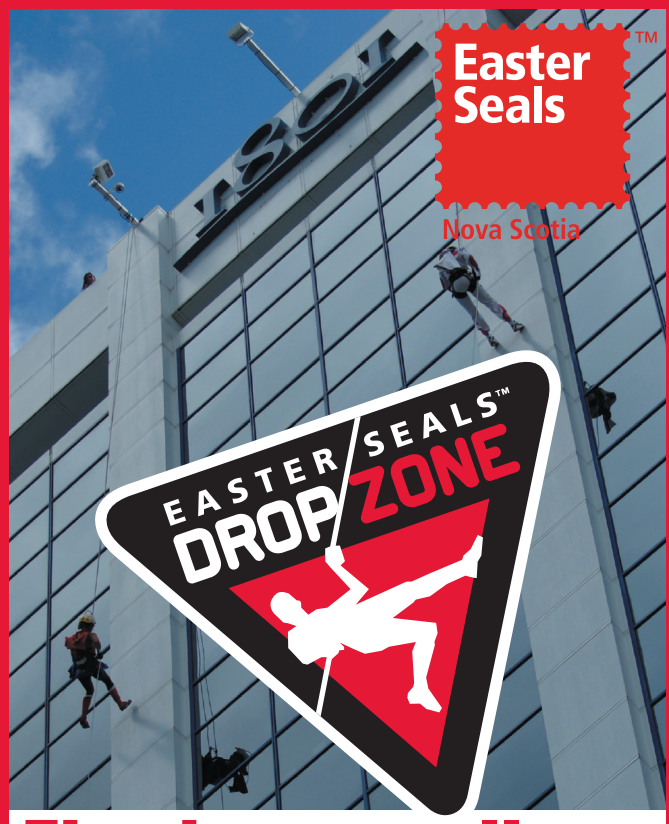
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Don Wells tournament begins Saturday

The Saint Mary's Huskies and Dalhousie Tigers will compete at the Don Wells memorial exhibition university hockey tournament in Wolfville this weekend. The tournament starts Saturday, with the championship game on Sunday at 6 p.m. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



Extreme Cage Combat

Fairview's Roger Hollett returns to the cage on Saturday at Extreme Cage Combat 10: Demolition at the Forum. Hollett (8-3) has lost three of his past four fights since suffering a serious knee injury in October 2007. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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Getting hungry by the net

The shots are there for the Mooseheads but goals have been another story

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There are more than a few experts at the Metro Centre who like to tell the Halifax Mooseheads when to shoot.

For those not keeping track, it's pretty much every time they touch the puck inside the offensive blue line.

But as the Mooseheads prepare for a set of home games against the Gatineau Olympiques and Victoriaville Tigres on Saturday and Sunday, the shoot-birds might want to consider altering their pleas to "crash the net" or "get in front."

It might not be as catchy, but the fact is, shots aren't the problem thus far. The Mooseheads have out-shot three of their first four opponents — averaging a rapid-fire 35 per game — but are still the only winless team in the QMJHL.

"We feel good about the number of pucks we're getting on net, but not the quality of shots," said Mooseheads 18-year-old right-winger Jessyko Bernard. "We've got to work on crashing the net and getting rebounds. We've got to have that second and third effort to get there and finish 'er off."



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Mooseheads right-winger Jessyko Bernard says his club has to work on crashing the net and getting rebounds to produce goals.

It's no secret that Halifax will be hard-pressed to score goals this season. Captain Tomas Knotek and over-ager Yuri Cheremetiev are the only 20-goal scorers. The rest are either hard-working role players or unproven up-and-comers.

But to be fair, the Mooseheads did score eight goals in two games opening weekend before coming to a screeching halt last weekend with just two goals in two games.

"We've been struggling the past two games," said assistant captain Travis Randell.

"We've had our shots, we've had our chances, but we have to be more hungry around the net."

Randell said a lot of pucks are going by players in front because they aren't fighting for space to capitalize.

The 0-4 start isn't a total shock for a rebuilding team loaded with youth.

There have been positives — work ethic, to name one — but breaking the goose-egg will help.

"If we can get that first win, it will definitely help change the mood in the dressing room," Randell said.

"It's been kind of hard, but it's going to come ... Sooner or later."

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Home games not common for Halifax early this season

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HOCKEY The Halifax Mooseheads don't have much time to make an early-season impression on their home fans.

The Mooseheads' home set with the Gatineau Olympiques on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Victoriaville Tigres on Sunday at 4 p.m. marks the only weekend the team will spend exclusively at home in the opening two months of the season.

Just seven of Halifax's first 20 games are at the Metro Centre, making the transition to the QMJHL significantly more gruelling for the eight rookies on the team.

"It's a big challenge to start off," said Mooseheads forward Jessyko Bernard. "But it's better early than later in the year. Rookies might get fatigued towards the end of the year so it's good to get them out of the way first thing."

Understandably, the Mooseheads want to make the most of this weekend's games, as well as a third consecutive contest at the Metro Centre next Friday against Rimouski.

That's especially true after last weekend's home-opening loss.

"We're going to come out flying," Bernard said.

Grant hoping to return to lineup

INJURY UPDATE Being injured stinks. Just ask Gerrad Grant.

"The cast stinks so bad," joked the Halifax Mooseheads forward, who hasn't played yet this season after having wrist surgery on July 17.

"That's actually the hardest part."



Gerard Grant

Grant, who had 24 points in 64 games last season despite playing the final two months with a broken scaphoid bone, is getting closer to returning to the Mooseheads' lineup.

The 19-year-old has been wearing a playing cast for the past two weeks and is participating in non-contact drills at practice.

He is awaiting results from a CAT scan to determine his return date, which will probably be next weekend.

The Mooseheads hope he can produce offence, although he might need some time to work his way into form.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO HALIFAX

Sports in brief

ROSTER CUT David Brine's bid to make the Florida Panthers' opening-night roster has fallen short. The former Halifax Mooseheads co-captain from Bible Hill was cut Wednesday by the Panthers and will report to the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League.

SUSPENSION The QMJHL suspended Saint John Sea Dogs forward Mike Thomas for six games on Thursday. The ruling was handed down for a fight in a game on Wednesday.

MJAHL Former Halifax Mooseheads forward Eric Louis-Seize scored the game-winner at 11:07 of the third period as the Truro Bearcats edged the Halifax Lions 3-2 in Maritime Junior A Hockey League action last night at the Forum. Kyle Mariani had a goal and an assist for the Lions.

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SCOREBOARD

QMJHL

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Saint John	5	4	1	0	0	20	17	8
P.E.I.	5	3	0	0	2	20	13	8
Moncton	4	3	1	0	0	12	10	6
Cape Breton	5	2	1	1	1	19	19	6
Acadie-Bathurst	4	2	1	0	1	10	9	5
HALIFAX	**4**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**10**	**22**	**0**

Note: Two points for a win; one for an overtime or shootout loss.

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FRIDAY GAMES
Moncton at Cape Breton
Drummondville at Quebec
Val-d'Or at Baie-Comeau
Rouyn-Noranda at Rimouski
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Victoriaville at Saint John
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	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
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Acadia	2	1	1	0	68	53	2
Saint Mary's	2	1	1	0	57	34	2
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Pirates lose before very small crowd

Bronson Arroyo limited Pittsburgh to one run over seven innings on Thursday and the Cincinnati Reds completed their second sweep of the plummeting Pirates in less than a month, but the real story was the attendance. Despite selling 15,892 tickets, the turnstile count was about 3,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rainmen boast top trifecta

Signings of Ferguson and Bennett cement club's 'big three'

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Andre Levingston believes he has put together the best 1-2-3 punch in the Premier Basketball League.

The Halifax Rainmen owner officially announced yesterday the signings of one-time Portland Trailblazer Desmond Ferguson and returning high-scoring guard Tony Bennett. Both signings were first reported by Metro Halifax.

That duo will join point guard Jason McLeish as the Rainmen's "big three" for the 2010 season.

"Desmond gives us probably the best 1-2-3 in the league with Tony and Jason," Levingston said. "It's coming together. We're getting some really exciting pieces and players who can play the style we want to play, getting it off the glass and up the court … Quick guys who can score and defend.

Ferguson, a 6-foot-7 forward, was a PBL all-star last season with the Rainmen's Atlantic Division rival, the Manchester Millrats. He averaged 17.0 points per game and was one of the league's most deadly three-point threats, nailing 71-of-168 from beyond the arc for a 42.2 per cent conversion rate.

"He assassinated us (last year) … Desmond's been shredding us for two years," Levingston said. "He's a guy everybody wants on their basketball team. A guy who hits big shots, hits them when they count, and just a great player."

The 6-foot-1 Bennett averaged 19.4 points per game in 12 games with the Rainmen last season, leading the team in scoring and finishing 12th in the league. He also placed fourth with 5.5 assists and led the PBL with 3.1 steals.

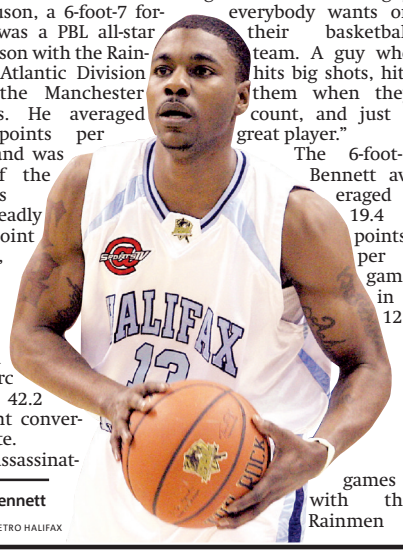
Bennett had a lucrative contract offer in Belgium but decided to stay in Halifax because of the fans.

"For the most part we thought we lost Tony overseas," Levingston said. "We were actively looking for his replacement, but we stayed in contract with him and it worked out."

The Rainmen are also expected to sign returnees Eric Crookshank and John Strickland.

They have also signed Demetrius Howard, Ronnell Jones and Jerwin Callaway. That leaves about five players to bring in, and size is Levingston's priority.

"We're getting close," Levingston said.



Tony Bennett
RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Gretzky walks away from Coyotes with club still in limbo

HOCKEY Unable to turn the Coyotes around on the ice or in the boardroom, Wayne Gretzky stepped down Thursday as coach and director of hockey operations of the beleaguered Phoenix franchise.

Gretzky has been in limbo while U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Redfield T. Baum mulls over bids by Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie and the NHL to buy the franchise.

"We all hoped there would be a resolution earlier this month to the Coyotes ownership situation, but the decision is taking longer than expected," Gretzky said in a statement.

"Since both remaining bidders have made it clear that I don't fit into their future plans, I approached general manager Don Maloney and suggested he begin looking for someone to replace me as coach."

However, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman is keeping the door open to Gretzky remaining with the Coyotes in some capacity if the league's bid for the franchise is successful.

Gretzky, who is due to make $8.5 million US this season, took over as coach in 2005, compiling a 143-161-24 record. The team missed the playoffs in all four seasons.

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Replacement

- Hours after Gretzky resigned as coach, Phoenix introduced Dave Tippett as his successor. The 48-year-old Tippett spent the last six seasons as coach of the Dallas Stars, compiling a 271-162-59 record.

Sports in brief

AVALANCHE The Colorado Avalanche signed veteran forward Milan Hejduk on Thursday to a one-year contract extension through the 2010-11 season. Hejduk has spent his entire 11-year NHL career with the Avalanche. The team didn't release terms of the contract.

COMEBACK Former NHL forward Peter Forsberg scored less than six minutes into his comeback game, but his hometown team Modo lost 4-2 to Frolunda in a Swedish Elite League opener on Thursday. Forsberg beat former NHL goalie Johan Holmqvist just 5:44 in with a shot between the pads that brought the crowd of 6,596 at Swedbank Arena in Ornskoldsvik to its feet.

DRUG CHARGES New York police have charged standout Binghamton University basketball player Emanuel (Tiki) Mayben with possessing and selling cocaine. The 22-year-old pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Thursday and was ordered held on $20,000 US bail. Police say Mayben had 3.4 grams of cocaine when he was arrested Wednesday night in his hometown of Troy.

STRIKEFORCE Russian heavyweight Fedor Emelianenko will make his Strikeforce debut Nov. 7 against Brett (The Grim) Rogers at Sears Centre Arena in suburban Chicago. Strikeforce had previously announced the matchup but not the place and time, other than it would take place in the fall.

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Canadian women keep rolling at FIBA tournament

BASKETBALL Canada's women's basketball team took a step closer to booking a ticket to the world championships with a 70-57 victory over Puerto Rico on Thursday.

Veteran guard Teresa Gabriele of Mission, B.C., scored 13 points to lead the Canadians, who improved to 2-0 at the FIBA Americas women's tournament.

The Canadians' victory comes on the heels of their 103-37 rout of the Dominican Republic in their tournament opener Wednesday.

The Canadians need to finish first or second in Group A to advance to the semifinals.

The semifinal winners will automatically qualify for next year's world championships in the Czech Republic, while the losing teams will face off for the third and final berth.

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Up next

- No. 12-ranked Canada faces tournament favourite and fourth-ranked Brazil on Friday.

Chelsea looks to stay perfect

LONDON Three points ahead at the top of the standings, Chelsea is chasing its seventh consecutive Premier League victory when it goes to Wigan on Saturday aiming to maintain the only perfect record in English football.

Looking back to how they finished last season, the Blues could make it 12 league wins in a row.

Although Chelsea finished third behind Manchester United and Liverpool, that was down to a mid-season slump that led to the departure of manager Luiz Felipe Scolari. But a finish of five league wins in a row has carried on this term despite another change of manager.

Carlo Ancelotti is now making a big impact in his first season in English football and the Blues have also collected victories in the Champions League and on Wednesday in the League Cup to make it nine in a row under the new manager.

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Chiefs LB to sit this week
Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Johnson says a pulled groin muscle will keep him out of Sunday's game at Philadelphia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Home-field advantage

U.S. criticism won't deter Canadian athletes



VANCOUVER 2010 Games

For Canada's Olympic hopefuls things are starting to get more than a little tense. This week's accusations by Americans in the New York Times that their northern rivals are unfairly using home-field advantage ruffled a few feathers. So be it.

The downhill ski gladiators dismissed those claims as sour grapes and went on to point out that competing before a friendly crowd on a familiar mountain is one of the benefits to be gained from staging the Olympic Games in your own backyard.

"It's kind of cool having a whole country standing behind you," claimed World Champion John Kucera of Calgary. "It takes away the whole job/race aspect of things. It takes me back to having fun and ripping around out there."

That's the up side of skiing on home snow. There's also intense pressure given the fact that Canada's athletes go into the 2010 Olympics better funded and with more of the general public having invested in their success than ever before.

"Canadians expect a lot of us," deadpanned Erik Guay of Mont-Tremblant.

"And so they should."

These are the exact sentiments echoed by most followers of the Canadian Olympic odyssey. The Own the Podium Program has made a pledge that Canada will be a contender in every event at these Olympics. They have also boldly stated that the home country should win the medal count. They've convinced the average Canadian that results matter.

So that means short of staging the requisite test events in Vancouver and Whistler, where international competitors have been invited to participate, Canadian athletes will make full use of the edge that comes from training time on those rinks, mountains and trails.

It's only natural and it's been that way forever. Competing at home is an accepted leg up on the rest — end of story.

"I think the expectations of us are the same," noted Manuel Osborne-Paradis of Vancouver. "It's just that a lot more Canadians have those expectations because the Games are at home."

They are soon to be on the hot seat in their own country. And there will be no excuses for failure. That's why Canada's athletes aren't about to give up home-field advantage at the eleventh hour.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Movies

Girl power

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A crowd-pleaser at this year's Toronto International Film Festival, Drew Barrymore's directorial debut Whip It is about true sisterhood. "The girls who do it aren't doing it for money. They're nurses and librarians by day, and then these tough derby chicks by night. They're 'finding their tribe.'"

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Women on wheels

Barrymore's directorial debut takes fresh look at girl power



Halifax native Ellen Page, fifth from left, stars in Whip It, directed by Drew Barrymore.

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Whip It opens in theatres next Friday

Although it emerged as a crowd-pleaser at this year's Toronto International Film Festival, Drew Barrymore's directorial debut Whip It is a more unconventional movie than one might expect.

Not only does its story of a small-town Texas girl named Bliss (Halifax native Ellen Page) who spurns the beauty pageant circuit to join a local roller derby team skate circles around sports-movie clichés, it also cuts its heroine's disapproving mother (Marcia Gay Harden) a surprising amount of slack.

"That's the love story," explains Barrymore. "I wanted to surprise people, and have it not be about Bliss and some boy, but about a girl and her mother. I didn't want (Harden) to be an archetypal villain.

"And I also didn't want to do the typical thing with beauty pageants, which are always made fun of so cruelly in movies. I think that doing pageants could definitely be somebody's choice in life, but not for Bliss, because that's not who she is.

Who Bliss turns out to be — at least one night a week — is Babe Ruthless, her hard-driving, elbow throwing alter ego.

"Derby is an underground sport cropping up across the country," says Barrymore, who also appears in the film as an unholy roller with the track handle Smashlee Simpson.

"The girls who do it aren't doing it for money. They're nurses and librarians by day, and then these tough derby chicks by night. They're 'finding their tribe,' which is a huge thing for me in my life, and something I think that I was able to inject into Bliss' character."

Movie feature

As a director, Barrymore says that she was inspired by the films she watched as an '80s baby, including Breaking Away and the works of the late John Hughes.

"Those movies were so human," she says.

"There was tons of room for comedy, but also for interesting, realistic family dynamics. I thought that those directors were able to reach amazing emotional depths. Making Whip It, I wanted to go back to that time, and to avoid any sort of modern poppiness."

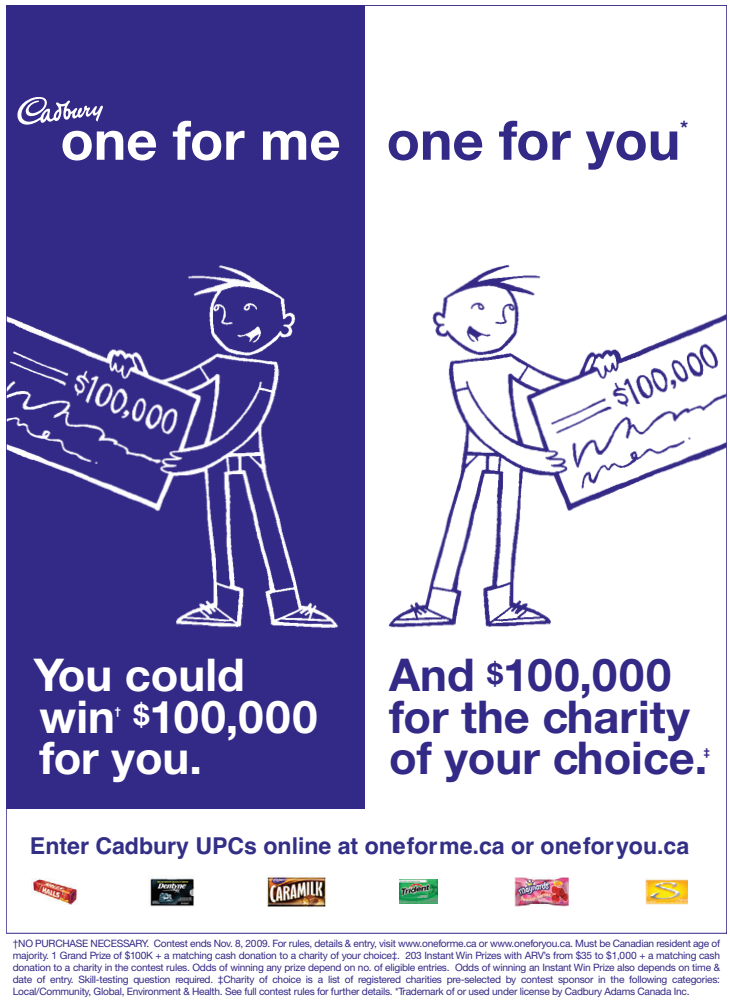
That said, one of Whip It's best features is the way it uses a very modern pop singer — the critically acclaimed Swedish crooner Jens Lekman — to underscore its most lyrical passages.

"We have four or five of his songs in the movie, and I actually flew him out to the editing room," says Barrymore. "I completely fell in love with his music when we were making this movie."

On the web

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Jason Leigh pregnant

Jennifer Jason Leigh and her director husband Noah Baumbach are expecting their first child together, according to reports. The couple, who wed in 2005, has been trying to start a family for more than a year. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Plot, acting kill Surrogates



Bruce Willis stars as an FBI agent in Surrogates.

Surrogates
Director: Jonathan Mostow
Stars: Bruce Willis, Ving Rhames, James Cromwell
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

Surrogates, the new sci-fi thriller starring Bruce Willis, is a luddite's nightmare. Inexplicably mixing Wall-E's social commentary and Minority Report's crimeless-future, the film presents a world where all human interaction occurs through robot surrogates, controlled by their flesh-and-blood counterparts from the safety of a chair at home.

What's more, most people tend to adopt an idealized physical appearance giving their surrogate versions a creepy Barbie and Ken look.

It's on this novel premise that director Jonathan Mostow hangs a rather traditional murder mystery. The film opens with the murder of the son of Dr. Lionel Canter (James Cromwell), the inventor of surrogates.

In steps Agent Greer (Willis), the FBI officer assigned to what turns out to be the first murder in years. He and his partner Agent Peters (Radha Mitchell) quickly discover that the murderer was able to override the victim's surrogate's safety features with a new weapon.

Based on a comic book of the same name, Surrogates is yet another example of a film that takes an intriguing idea and drives it into the ground. One reason could be the incredibly stiff acting from a talented group of actors. Another is an absurd number of plot holes. But mostly the rote plot and an incredibly bland villain ensure that what could have been a visceral fall blockbuster is a mildly entertaining stinker.



A scene from the horror sci-fi flick Pandorum.

Pandorum squanders promising premise

Pandorum
Director: Christian Alvert
Stars: Ben Foster, Dennis Quaid, Antje Traue
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Pandorum is a fairly entertaining science fiction/horror movie that doesn't quite work, but comes awfully close.

Two astronauts wake up from hyper-sleep with their memories missing due to an overlong nap. They quickly realize that something is wrong, but can't remember exactly what should be happening.

The younger man (Ben Foster) runs off to explore while the older officer (Dennis Quaid) stays put by a computer. It soon becomes clear that they aren't alone when a horrific race of humanoid monsters show up and start attacking everything that is still moving.

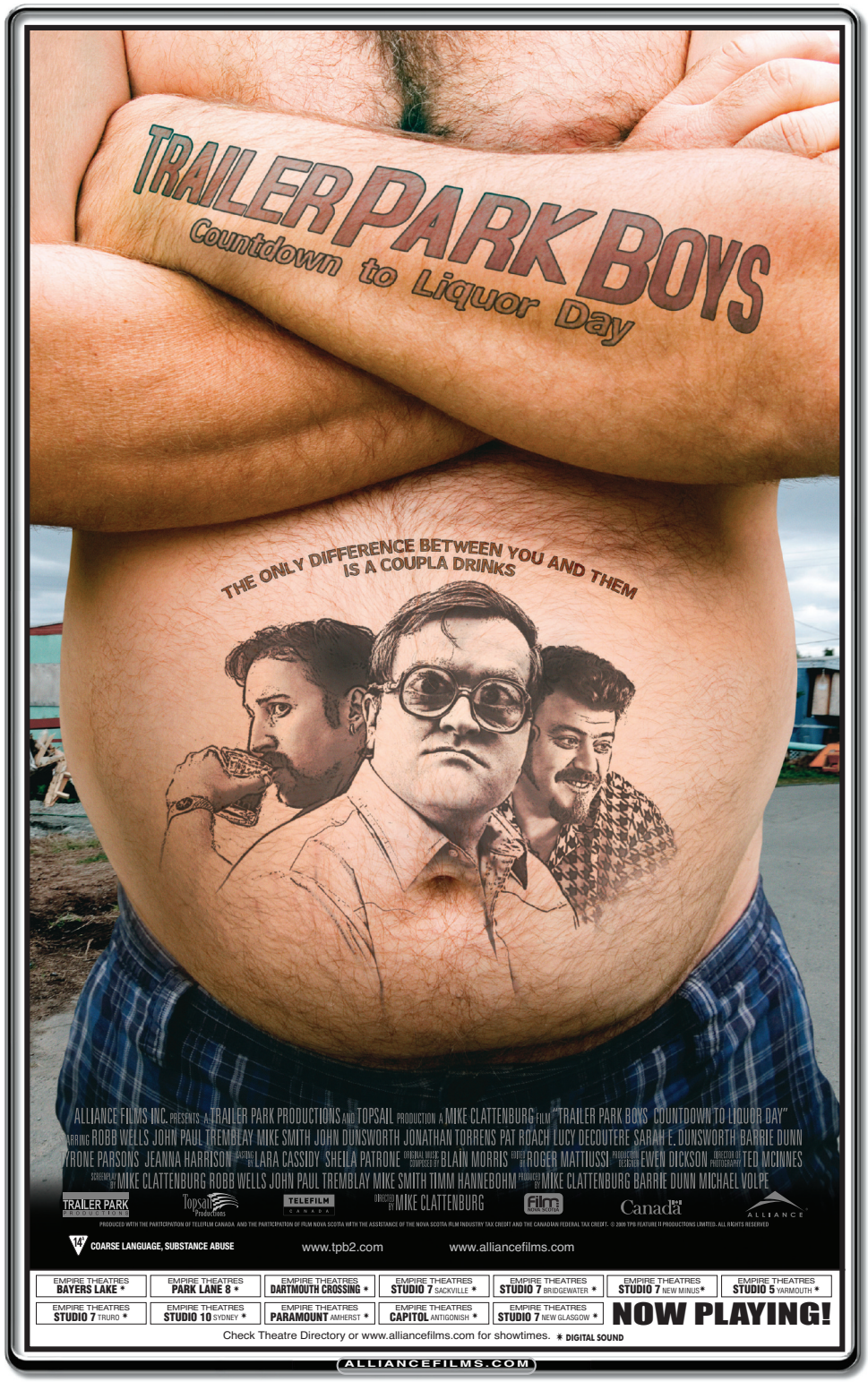
The set up is intriguing and for a while it seems like Pandorum might be a decent space horror romp like Event Horizon.

Unfortunately a kung fu fighting hottie scientist (Antje Traue) is thrown into the mix and things get silly fast.

Pandorum opens with a bang that should grab the audience's attention, but sadly dissolves into absurdity and cliché by the finale. The screenplay simply juggles too many ideas and genres to form a cohesive whole.

German director Christian Alvart has an aggressive visual style that suits the material well. If you can switch your brain off Pandorum will be an entertaining ride, but the moment you are thinking about what's happening onscreen you'll be in trouble.

• For Pandorum photos, a trailer and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies





Timberlake, Eisenberg get Social

Justin Timberlake, left, and Jesse Eisenberg have nabbed the leads in The Social Network (a.k.a. The Facebook Movie), a drama written by Aaron Sorkin, according to Variety. TVGUIDE.COM

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Trailer old liquor, old bottle

Trailer Park Boys: **Countdown to Liquor Day**

Director: Mike Clattenburg
Stars: Robb Wells, John Paul Tremblay, Mike Smith
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●½

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

By now, anyone who cares to know about Trailer Park Boys, even in the most passive way, already does. Ricky, Julian and Bubbles — the trio of mobile home-dwelling misfits whose get rich quick schemes were the focus of seven seasons and one previous movie, all shot in and around Halifax — are well on their way to becoming national comedic icons on par with Bob and Doug McKenzie.

Which makes director Mike Clattenburg's decision to make a second film that simply retreads the past all the more confusing.

Like most of their adventures, Countdown to Liquor Day starts with the boys in jail. Upon their exit from the clink they find the Sunnyvale Trailer Park abandoned, and Bubble's cats corralled by animal control, in favour of a new one owned and operated by their old nemesis Jim Lahey and his bi-sexual, cross-dressing partner Randy.



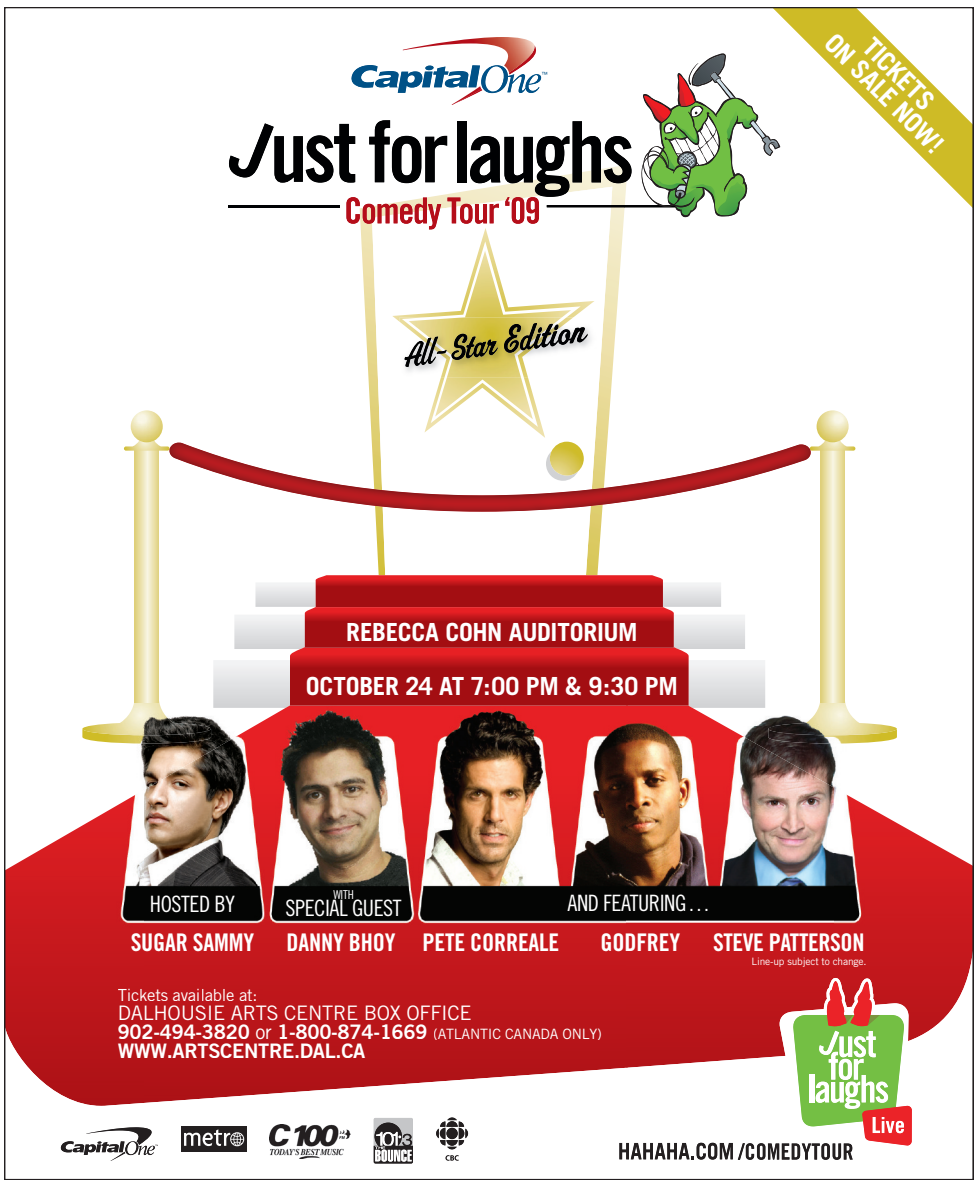
Mike Smith reprises Bubbles in Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day.

The two sides seem content to leave the other be except that Lahey now needs to run a sewer line through Julian's property in Sunnyvale. The problem is that Julian, in an attempt to go straight has turned his old trailer into an auto-body shop. Things are further complicated after a sober Mr. Lahey falls off the wagon again when domestic problems with Randy arise.

Countdown to Liquor Day retains the charm that made the television show an endearing guilty pleasure. And both the film's beginning and end are well worth the price of admission for fans. However the film drags badly in its midsection, thanks to a series of sub-plots that ultimately go nowhere.

One bright spot is an expanded role for wannabe white rapper J-Roc, played by former Jonovision host Jonathan Torrens, whose ridiculous gangsta dialect is a highlight throughout the movie. But it's not enough to elevate the film above its status as one overlong episode of the television show.

• For Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day photos, a trailer and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies





A scene from the latest version of Fame.

Fame a full-blown, high-gloss dud

Fame

Director: Kevin Tancharoen
Stars: Kelsey Grammer, Bebe Neuwirth, Debbie Allen
Classification: STC
Rating: ●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Beware when Hollywood hacks remake a classic and call it a reinvention. More often than not the results are not only perfunctory, but an insulting nose thumbing to the potency and power of the original picture it's so cravenly plundering.

Not that Alan Parker's 1980 teen angst musical Fame is the Battleship Potemkin or anything, but at the very least it had edge, well drawn characters, blistering musical numbers, a great script and slick directorial style.

Kevin Tancharoen's self professed "reinvention" of Fame however, has none of its predecessor's qualities. In fact it's bloody awful.

The haphazard, completely un-engaging "plot" cycles through four years in the lives of a handful of talented NYC kids who manage to wiggle their way into an elite arts high school.

Dancers, singers, rappers, classical pianists, actors all jam through their life with the finesse of a crack fuelled hot rod.

Literally, each year is realized in incoherent 20 minute intervals with over a dozen central teens hopelessly trying to convey their learning curve while their tough, wiser than though professors nod in approval.

There's no one to root for in Fame, nothing to connect with or care about. Sure some of the young performers are probably gifted and try their best, but Tancharoen's cross-eyed direction never gives them a chance to properly shine.

Fame is a full-blown, high-gloss dud, and where Parker's heartfelt original was rated R, this PG rated stinker is timid enough for your toddler. Avoid it like acne.

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Dennehy approached for Haggis thriller
Brian Dennehy, right, is in negotiations to join the cast of Paul Haggis' new film, The Next Three Days. The film, a remake of the French thriller Pour Elle, stars Russell Crowe and Elizabeth Banks. EMPIREONLINE.COM



The truth about Lying collaboration

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

FEATURE The Invention Of Lying is being presented as the latest film from Ricky Gervais — and that's fair. After all, the guy co-wrote and co-directed the movie in addition to playing the lead.

However, it's worth noting that Ricky Gervais is not the lone creative voice behind the project. The concept (about the first man to ever tell a lie in an imagined truth-filled world) actually came from co-writer/co-director Matthew Robinson, who makes his feature filmmaking debut with the film.

"I was basically just an unknown screenwriter working in Los Angeles for the last ten years," Robinson told Metro. "I wrote the script and got it to producer Linda Obst. I told her that I would love to get it to Ricky Gervais on a lark. I thought I had no chance."

Robinson was not only able to land Gervais as the star of his film, but also as a creative collaborator. "He said after reading page 10 he called his agent and asked for my phone number. Three weeks later I was in London working on the script with him."

Despite having never even met before, Ricky Gervais and Matt Robinson were able to find a creative groove instantly.

"The more we worked on the script and the more we fell in love with the story, the more Ricky became worried about giving it to another director," says Robinson.

Both Robinson and Gervais were pleased with their collaboration and had no problem bringing the script to life as co-directors.

"We worked in exactly the same way as I do with Steve Merchant. We had one simple rule. We didn't compromise. One veto from either of us and it was out," says Gervais.

Moore's manifesto

Doc director rails against corporate greed in Capitalism

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Michael Moore is a filmmaker who sparks instant anger or appreciation whenever he's mentioned.

The director helped make documentaries marketable when his controversial Fahrenheit 9/11 became the first non-fiction film to gross over $100 million, while his satirical style has influenced a generation of documentary filmmakers and expanded the possibilities of the medium.

However, Moore's hard left political stance has earned him as many enemies as fans. One of the criticisms most commonly launched against Moore is that his movies are so loaded with his opinions that they can't be considered documentaries because they lack objectivity.

It's an unfair argument that seems to misunderstand what he does as a filmmaker. "I've said for a long time these are cinematic op-ed pieces," Moore told Metro. "They're my take on things. The facts in them are 100 per cent correct, but the opinions are mine. I may be right or I may be wrong."



Michael Moore takes aim at the U.S. economic system with a dash of his satiric humour in Capitalism: A Love Story.

Michael Moore's latest cinematic essay is Capitalism: A Love Story — opening next Friday — a film about America's greed-driven corporate culture and how it led to the current economic recession. The movie combines many of the arguments against big business that Moore has made throughout his career.

"There was a point when Manifesto was a potential title," says Moore. "I really set out to make this film with the attitude of if I weren't able to make another film after this, what would my last film say? That was the trigger for a lot of what's in there. It really is an extension of a lot of the things I've been saying for 20 years."

Movie **feature**





Sony picks up Masters of the Universe

Warners and Mattel recently parted ways over their Masters of the Universe movie, and it seems that Sony has picked up the baton. Meanwhile, Barbie is set to star in her own film. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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No humour lost in Great White North





Rémy Girard, Patrick Labbé and Pierre Lebeau in Les Boys.

People treat Canadian movies as a serious subject. The mere mention of Great White Northern film conjures up images of dysfunctional family dramas, stark Arctic vistas or bumbling Mounties.

Writer Kathryn Monk summed it up nicely when she wrote a history of Can Con cinema called Weird Sex and Snowshoes. The title of her excellent book puts into words what many people perceive as the state of our home-grown film industry.

We may do our fair share of serious, introspective movies but between moments of navel gazing we also make movies that make people laugh, as we'll see in this weekend's Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day.

Years before the Trailer Park Boys brought their own brand of East Coast, humour to the big screen another troupe of comedians from the right hand side of the country created The Adventure of Faustus Bidgood.

It's a surreal comedy starring CODCO's Andy Jones as a provincial department of education clerk who fantasizes about becoming president of People's Republic of Newfoundland and seceding from Canada.

The film, which was the first movie produced entirely in Newfoundland with home-based cast, crew, and funding, is a little inconsistent in tone — it was shot over a 10 year span as money was raised little by little — but is a riot of sight gags and unconventional humour.

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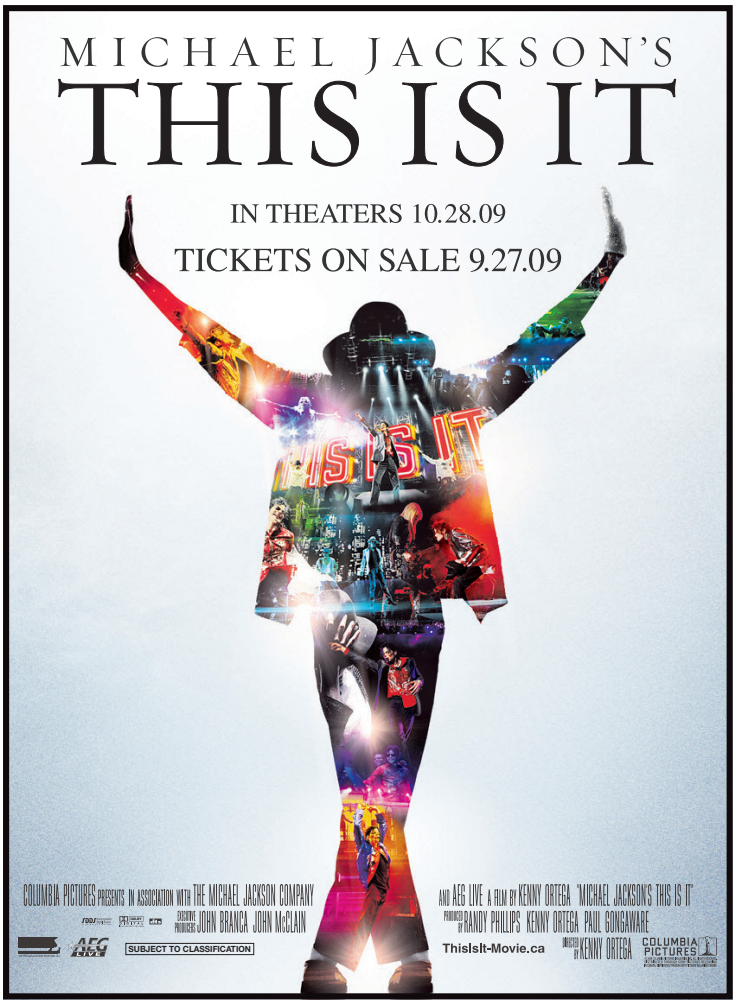
Better known is Les Boys, a 1997 Quebec-made comedy that forms the cornerstone of the most successful Quebec made film series of all time. The story, which echoes Slap Shot with a touch of Mystery, Alaska thrown in, sees a ragtag group of amateur hockey players squaring off against a Mafia boss's team to win back ownership of their coach's bar. It's raunchy formulaic fun that has spawned two successful sequels and a television series.

Our final Canadian comedy found inspiration from an unlikely source. Strange Brew, the Bob and Doug McKenzie (Dave Thomas and Rick Moranis) film about something rotten at the Elsinore Brewery, is loosely based on Hamlet, with the McKenzie Brothers taking the roles of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Also, according to hoser Bob it was "shot in 3B — three beers! — and it looks good, eh?"

For all the great films we've made in this country Saturday Night Live czar Lorne Michaels jokes a Canadian would never make a film called It's a Wonderful Life because "that would be bragging." He says the Canadian version would be called It's an All Right Life. Sounds like the next great Canadian comedy to me.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.





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Screen Times

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Jennifer's Body (14) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat 2:25-6:50-9:25 Sun 2:25-6:05-8:40 Mon-Thu 6:05-8:40
Surrogates (STC) No Passes Fri 7:15-9:40 No Passes Sat 2:40-7:15-9:40 No Passes Sun 2:40-6:30-8:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-8:55
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (STC) Fri 7:05-9:30 Sat 2:30-7:05-9:30 Sun 2:30-6:20-8:45 Mon-Thu 6:20-8:45





Billboard's top albums
1. The Blueprint 3, Jay-Z, left; **2.** I Look To You, Whitney Houston; **3.** The Resistance, Muse; **4.** Man on the Moon: The End of Day, Kid Cudi; **5.** Time Of Our Lives, Miley Cyrus. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Harry Connick Jr. did it Your Way

Singer gets an assist from Clive Davis on latest album

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Harry Connick Jr. has accomplished a lot in his career — he's released more than 20 albums, acted on TV and on film — but one thing he's never done, until recently, was work with Clive Davis. In fact, he hadn't even met the legendary producer until he was summoned to his office in New York.

"My manager called me and said Clive Davis wants to meet with you," says Connick during an interview at the MuchMusic building in Toronto. "I didn't know what that meant."

It turned out Davis wanted the veteran jazz musician to sing an album of famous pop songs. It sounds easy enough, but it turned out to be a lot harder to do than the singer thought.

"I've never collaborated with someone before," he says. "So I'd write some arrangements and he would be like 'those strings are too high' or 'there shouldn't be a guitar in there.' I got really bristly. My ego was hurt."

It wasn't just the music that Davis criticized, it was the song selection and the name of the album too. Connick originally wanted to sing a Nat King Cole song, but Davis said it wasn't popular enough. He also hoped to call the disc A Love Like Ours, which is a line from the Beatles song And I Love Her (it appears on the disc). Davis said no.

"He said this is not a record about love songs, it's a record about familiarity and presenting songs to people that they know, so you have to call it Your Songs," he says. "I didn't know if I wanted to do that, but you know what? I let him have it.



GETTY IMAGES

Harry Connick Jr.'s latest album, Your Songs, was released earlier this week.

"Am I selling out? I don't know. Am I acquiescing to the point of diluting what I believe? I don't think so. I'm just having a different type of experience."

Connick is being hard on himself — while the new disc won't go down as being one of his best — the jazzy pop orchestral arrangements, which he wrote himself, are bright, full and complex, and the song selection is exactly what Davis wanted, popular and familiar. There's Billy Joel's Just The Way You Are, Nat King Cole's Mona Lisa and Elton John's Your Song, among other popular tunes.

While Connick has recorded other people's music in the past — he's also penned plenty of originals — doing something like this, something that's obviously geared toward the masses, is a change.

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Harry Connick Jr.

But, he explains that, unlike some artists, he doesn't just waltz in on a weekend to lay down vocals. "I'm the guy who says that note is flat. I'm the guy who does all the work, not some of it. Every note you see the orchestra playing is what I did. Singing is just part of the process."

As for Davis, would he work with the producer again? "I would," he says. "It really wasn't a boxing match — it was 80 per cent good times."

Artists ready to make noise this fall

SoundCheck
Alan Cross
metronews.ca/soundcheck

Last week, I started going through some fourth-quarter CD releases that will have heavy impacts on the bottom lines of the major record labels. Here are a few more:

Muse — The Resistance (Out now): Over the rest of the planet, they're huge enough or singer/guitarist Matt Bellamy to live in a villa on Lake Como in Italy. In North America, they're still rather cult-y. This record may change that.

AFI — Crash Love (Tuesday): They're under pressure to followup 2006's million-selling Decemberunderground with something just as strong. Many of the songs were road-tested over the summer with the single, Medicate, emerging as a fan favourite.

La Roux — La Roux (Tuesday): She looks like a Ziggy Stardust-era David Bowie but lives in a world of dance floor-friendly electropop. Already a hit in the U.K. — she was up for the Mercury Prize — is this the kind of music that translates to North America?

Kiss — Sonic Boom (Oct 6): It's been 11 years since the last studio album from Kiss, but I can't say that I know many people devastated by this gap in the band's oeuvre. One version will come with re-recordings of their big hits.

Dead by Sunrise — Out of Ashes (Oct 13): If you can't get enough Linkin Park, then you'll need this first solo release by vocalist Chester Bennington, which contains songs he wrote while LP was locked in an ugly contract battle a few years ago.

Bob Dylan — Christmas in The Heart (Oct 13): Yes, you read that right: a Christmas album from Mr. Zimmerman. He does "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "O Little Town of Bethleham." No, really.

Nirvana — Live at Reading (Nov 3): Bootleg video of what some people consider to be Nirvana's finest performance have been floating around for years. Now we'll finally get nice clean images on the DVD and clean-up sound for the CD version.



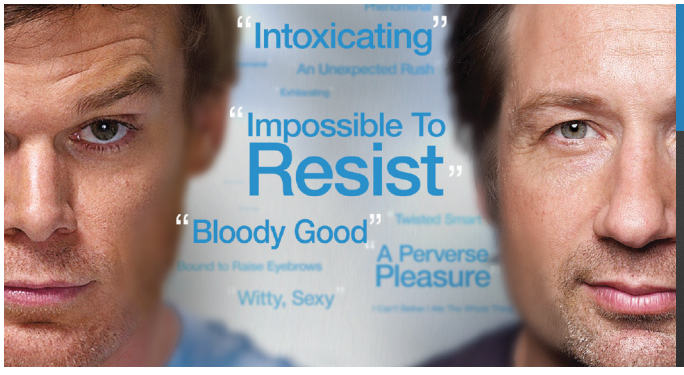
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Sonic Boom is the first studio album from Kiss in 11 years.

Foo Fighters — Greatest Hits (Nov 3): Fifteen years and six albums deep into the post-Nirvana world, Dave Grohl's crew will issue a double disc that will also feature two new songs, including Wheels, a track the band debuted at a White House barbecue on July 4.

Eminem — Relapse 2 (Nov 17): Mr. Mathers has sold 32 million records this decade, more than any other artist. The follow-up to Relapse, which came out in May, will add to that total.

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Amazon.ca's top albums
1. Stereo Box Set, The Beatles, right; 2. Mono Box Set, The Beatles; 3. Abbey Road, The Beatles; 4. Revolver, The Beatles; 5. Rubber Soul, The Beatles. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Music

Maxwell is back

R&B singer hits No. 1 after eight-year absence

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

When Maxwell last released an album there was no war in Afghanistan, Mario Lemieux was still in the NHL and the soul singer still had a massive afro. That was eight years ago. "Only in hindsight can you see that it's a lot of time off," says the now short-haired vocalist.

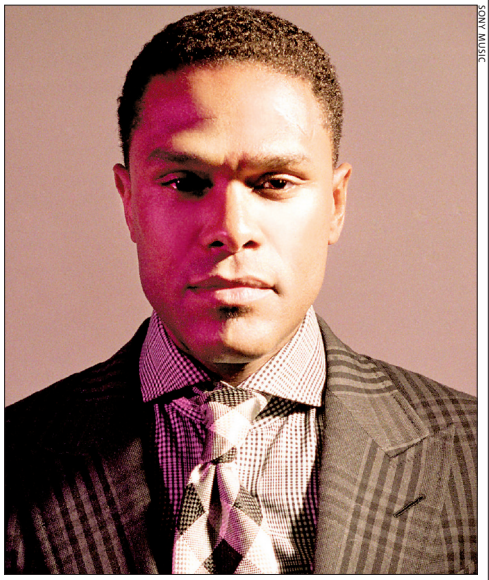
He may have recently realized that the gap between his 2001 release Now and his latest, BLACKsummers'night, was actually a large one, but that could be because in between "living" and "taking time off to experience life" he was making the music that would become his new disc, plus the two records he plans to release in 2010 and 2011.

While he was still writing, though, he says he was doing it on his own terms, without any real plans to get back into the industry.

"I was making music, but just for myself with no real reward or result needed," he says on the phone from Toronto where he was warming up for his first ever arena tour. "I wasn't worrying about will this get on radio, I was just making songs for the joy of making songs."

With no pressure to release his music, it's no wonder that BLACKsummers'night sees Maxwell at his most relaxed. It's also the best album of his career. The disc is loaded with delicate soul numbers, soft R&B, horns, electonica and even some Radiohead-like noises.

"We had a windshield wiper loop," says a proud Maxwell, adding that Thom York and co. inspired some of the sounds on the disc. "I love Radiohead. They're the illest rock band in the world. They don't go for hits or radio play — they're real artists."



SONY MUSIC

Maxwell's seventh studio album BLACKsummers'night debuted at the No.1 spot on the Billboard 200 in July.

Unlike the English rock group, though, Maxwell's got his sights set on releasing a trilogy of albums with this one being the first part. The musician explains that this disc is about losing love, the second about finding love and third about making love.

Naturally, his idea came from some of the things he experienced during his time off. "It's inspired by a particular relationship," he reveals. "She didn't know who I was. I could never imagine that in the peak of my hiatus a relationship would develop where she is completely devoted to me as a person."

Not only did he find a strong partnership, but he found himself. "You lose your mind or get overblown on yourself," he says, recalling his early years as an artist. "I got to be away from everything and to erect relationships that were based on me as a person, not on what I do."

Now that his personal life is on track, he can focus on his music, which is something he intends to do for the foreseeable future. And since he's in a better head space, he won't let the success of his new album — it topped the Billboard 200 when it was released — go to his head.

"I couldn't believe that happened," he says. "But that makes me feel good as a person. It makes what I've done mean something, a lot more than the constant hustle."

In brief

CHARTS HMV's top 10 CDs based on national sales:

CDs
1. Backspacer, Pearl Jam
2. Remasters (box sets and individual releases), The Beatles
3. Life Starts Now, Three Days Grace
4. The Blueprint 3, Jay-Z
5. Resistance, Muse
6. Daisy, Brand New
7. One Love, David Guetta
8. The Listening, Lights
9. Only By the Night, Kings of Leon
10. I Look To You, Whitney Houston

Country
1. Fearless, Taylor Swift
2. Dance With Me, Johnny Reid
3. Lady Antebellum, Lady Antebellum
4. Defying Gravity, Keith Urban
5. Foundation, Zac Brown Band
6. No. 1's and Then Some, Brooks & Dunn
7. Greatest Hits: 19 Kids, Keith Urban
8. Taylor Swift, Taylor Swift
9. Kicking Stones, Johnny Reid
10. American Saturday Night, Brad Paisley THE CANADIAN PRESS

TOP 10 RINGTONES
1 I Gotta Feeling Black Eyed Peas
2 Sexy B—h David Guetta
3 I Know You Want Me Pitbull
4 Fire Burning Sean Kingston
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CW wants some more

The CW wants to see more of One Tree Hill, Melrose Place and The Vampire Diaries. The network ordered a full 22-episode season of One Tree Hill, and ordered nine new scripts for new series The Vampire Diaries. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

Green parenting in a toxic world

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

The title of Min Sook-Lee's My Toxic Baby sounds like a horror film, and in a way, that designation is apt.

The Toronto-based filmmaker's new short documentary — which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival earlier this month — pivots on perhaps the deepest and most universal anxiety of all: The terror of becoming a new parent.

"I've always seen myself as a socially conscious person," says Lee, an award-winning director whose previous credits include the excellent 2005 doc Hogtown: The Politics of Policing.

"There are enough sad scientific stats out there pointing to what is ... clear — we are in a chemical war zone."
Min Sook-Lee

"But I had never wholly integrated ecologically friendly living habits into my life until my daughter was born. Bringing a brand new person into the world changed the rules of the game fundamentally."

Indeed, the theme of My Toxic Baby is change, with Lee turning the lens on herself as she attempts to purify her new daughter's living environment and connects with other parents similarly committed to shifting notions about what should constitute a healthy child-rearing environment.



Min Sook-Lee turned the lens on herself as she sought out an pure living environment for her daughter, Song Ji, and considers modern parenting in her new documentary, My Toxic Baby.

And yet, the documentary does not feel like a screed: Lee says that the last thing that she wanted to do was come off as sanctimonious.

"I'm very aware that women are constantly being judged for their 'skills' as mothers," she says, "to the point where it's almost a public sport. I didn't want to contribute to that."

My Toxic Baby airs on Global on Friday night

The other thing that Lee wanted to avoid was a too-conventional documentary format: The glut of PowerPoint-style eco-documentaries in the wake of An Inconvenient Truth have brought the form dangerously close to redundancy.

What separates My Toxic Baby from the herd is its uncommonly intimate, personal dimension — which does not preclude its pointing towards wider implications.

"You might notice, I didn't put any 'talking head' experts in the documentary," says Lee. "At this point of crisis, there are enough sad scientific stats out there pointing to what is becoming increasingly more clear — we are in a chemical war zone. I wanted to focus instead of people who are responding to the crisis. For me as a mother, that is essential — finding hope."



Tired of real life? Plan a sci-fi escape

Considering the difficult year we've been through, it's no wonder primetime this fall has taken on a sci-fi tinge, offering series full of escapism through supernatural plots and otherworldly characters.

Here is a look at some of the new and returning shows premiering this fall:

FlashForward

Everyone in the world simultaneously blacks out for two minutes and 17 seconds. (So what could be better to help forget all the money you lost when the markets crashed?) In that time, each person catches a glimpse of the future. A team of FBI agents (headed by actors Joseph Fiennes and John Cho) tries to piece together what happened and what's unfolding.

Dollhouse

Despite poor ratings, Eliza Dushku and the other "Actives" — operatives in an ultra-exclusive, illegal escort service who have had their personalities wiped clean, then are imprinted with new personas to fit client wants and needs — are back. Maybe creator Joss Whedon can come up with a way to wipe away our memories of the past year.

Smallville

Young Superman "embraces his Kryptonian side." Need a better reason to get lost in Season 9? Clark Kent dons the iconic "S."

Medium

After suffering a stroke and winding up in a coma last season, Allison (Patricia Arquette) wasn't talking to too many ghosts. Maybe the change of scenery — the series moves from NBC to CBS — will help.

Ghost Whisperer

Do you like your supernatural with a dose of Us Weekly? Star Jennifer Love Hewitt sees dead people opposite her boyfriend and castmate Jamie Kennedy, who plays "ghost listener" Eli.



CRAIG SJODIN/ABC

Actor Joseph Fiennes in a scene from sci-fi series Flash-Forward, which premiered Sept. 24 on ABC.

METRO WORLD NEWS

The People pick Burnett to produce

AWARDS SHOW The People's Choice Awards has announced that it's chosen Mark Burnett to produce next January's broadcast on CBS.

Burnett, whose hits include Survivor and Martha Stewart's weekday show, says he will re-invigorate the awards program, now in its 36th year — but notes amid the changes, he'll keep on Queen Latifah as host for her fourth consecutive year.

The goal is entertaining the audience, not self-congratulation by the winners. It ended up "just being a series of reading nominees and acceptance speeches," Burnett said.

"We want it to be fast-paced, with lots of laughter, fun performances, and letting viewers see the stars they voted for," he said.

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Lindsay steps in for Singapore gig

Actress Lindsay Lohan will host F1 Rocks, a three-day concert series featuring Beyoncé Knowles and Black Eyes Peas, to coincide with Sunday night's Singapore Grand Prix. She'll be replacing Pussy Cat Dolls singer Nicole Scherzinger. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Television

Finding something to sing about after Reba

For Melissa Peterman, life after Reba is something to sing about. Hopefully, it'll be somebody else doing the singing.

"You know, a lot of people tell me that I have the kind of voice that the first time you hear it, you're going to go, 'Arghhh!' and if I continue to sing at you, it starts to get under your skin," Peterman said. "It's like eczema. You know, it's just going to stay for a while until you get some sort of cream."

Given that, it's somewhat of a surprise that life, of late, is a song for the comic character actress, 38, who for six seasons on the Reba sitcom stole scenes as the pea-brained but huge-hearted Barbra Jean, the Reba McEntire character's ex-husband's new wife.

Early this summer, Peterman debuted as host of CMT's remember-the-lyrics game show, The Singing Bee, which emerged as such a hit for the country cable network that it now airs about a dozen times weekly, and was just renewed for a second season.

"Everything I've done has led up to this point: the nights I've went out and done karaoke poorly, the nights I've pretended to know lyrics to songs," explained the Minneapolis-born Peterman, who made her screen debut as Hooker No. 2 in the Coen brothers' 1996 film Fargo.

"I should have been No. 1 — clearly, I had more experience," Peterman joked.

"I'm pretty sure that in a lot of colleges, maybe community colleges, that (Hooker No. 2) is discussed a lot. It was some of my finest work, not to mention my best hair," she continued.

"If I continue to sing at you, it starts to get under your skin."
Melissa Peterman

This weekend, Peterman brings that sense of humour to her gig at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, as master of ceremonies for Sing-A-Long Sound of Music, where some 18,000 attendees will belt out Rodgers and Hammerstein favourites as they watch Julie Andrews and company in the 1965 classic.

"So, you see, I DO have a voice that could sell out (the) Hollywood Bowl!" Peterman said, with tongue firmly in cheek. "And there is not a lot of people that can say that, except everyone else who sang there and sold out. But I'm the only one who doesn't have a record deal."

What she'd really like is another whack at a major network series.

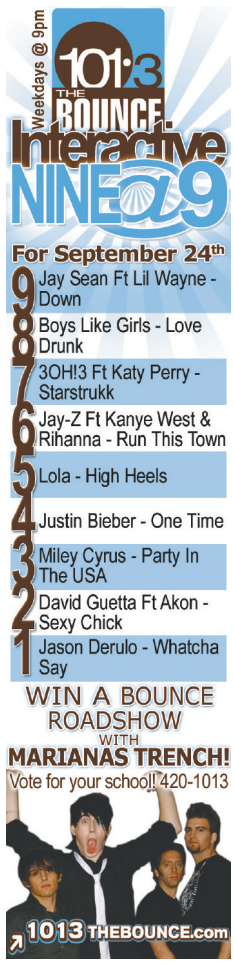
Since Reba left prime time in early 2007, Peterman has done a lot of sitcom work that was relatively little-seen, including two failed pilots. "If I could get some investors or my dad would write me a check, maybe I could make a show," Peterman said, laughing. "Call. Maybe we will have a little telethon, and I could sing — or stop singing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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After her run on Reba ended, actress Melissa Peterman went on to host CMT's wildly successful game show, The Singing Bee.

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In brief

CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN

When Jessica Biel, Lupe Fiasco and Isabel Lucas get together in Africa, they'll have nowhere to go but up. The entertainers have signed on to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro — the continent's highest peak — to raise awareness about the need for clean water worldwide. The Summit on the Summit expedition is set for January. Biel, 27, said she was "shocked" to learn more than a billion people across the globe have no access to clean water, and added in a statement that water "is a basic human necessity that needs to be addressed now." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jessica Biel

FRIDAY

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primetime 9/25/09	31	31	31 ABC	News Center	ABC News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	FlashForward (HDTV)		Family	Cougar Town	20/20
	7	7	7 ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	Law & Order (N)		America's Next Top Model		Comedy Now
	11	11	11 CBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ron James	Rick Mercer	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour (N)
	32	32	32 CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Patriots All Access		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (N)		NUMB3RS (N)
	6	6	6 CIHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	My Toxic Baby		NUMB3RS "Hangman"		Dollhouse "Vows" (N)		News Final (N)
	9	9	9 CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Flashpoint (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (N)		CTV News
	36	36	36 FOX	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Brothers (N)		Dollhouse "Vows" (N)		Fox First
	12	12	12 NBC	News	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Law & Order (N)		Dateline NBC		Jay Leno
sports	55	55	55 SCOR	Morency	Covers	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.		WWE SmackDown!				MMA Night
	53	53	53 TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	CFL Football Montreal Alouettes at Hamilton Tiger-Cats. (HDTV) (Live)						CFL Football
cable variety	16	16	16 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
	70	70	70 APTN	APTN News	APTN InFocus	Fish Out of	Blessings	Cashing In	Rabbit Fall	*The Score* ★★★ (2001, Crime Drama)		
	37	37	37 BRVO	Wind at My Back		Ferron: Girl on a Road		Bravo! Fact	Beyond	*Mad About Mambo* ★★ (2000)		
	49	49	49 COM	Just for Laughs		Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	VIP	The Simpsons	South Park	Com.-Presents
	18	18	18 CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
	38	38	38 DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Junk Raiders		Man vs. Wild "Yukon"		Dark Fellow.
	34	48	48 HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	Property	House	Extreme	Ext Living	Location	House
	46	46	46 HIST	Go Deep (N)		Battles BC		Cold Blood		Blow Down (HDTV)		Underworld
	17	17	17 MM	Love Court	My Date	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		The Vampire Diaries		*Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights* ★★ (2004)		
	206	206	206 PIX	(6:40) *The Chamber* (1996, Drama)			(8:40) *Pitch* (1997, Documentary)			*The Secret of My Success* ★★ (1987)		
	39	39	39 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits		Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park
	40	40	40 SLICE	Vanity Insanity		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part
	21	21	21 TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Making Over America		Dress	Dress	Reception
	22	22	22 W	House	Style by Jury	Old Christine	Friends	Medium		*In Her Mother's Footsteps* (2006, Suspense)		
	27	27	27 YTV	The Next Star		iCarly	iCarly	*Freedom Writers* ★★★ (2007, Drama) Hilary Swank, Scott Glenn.				

SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 9/26/09	31	31	31 ABC	College Football		NewsCenter 5	Inside Edition	College Football Iowa at Penn State. (HDTV) (Live)				
	7	7	7 ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Dangerous Obsessions		*The Perfect Husband* (2004, Suspense) Tracy Nelson.				Whistler
	11	11	11 CBC	National	Hockey Night	NHL Preseason Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Toronto Maple Leafs. (HDTV) (Live)						*Master*
	32	32	32 CBS	College Football		Entertainment Tonight		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		The Good Wife "Pilot"		48 Hr. Mystery
	6	6	6 CIHF	The Beat of Life (N)		Project Runway Canada		Movie				News Final (N)
	9	9	9 CJCH	W-FIVE		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Flashpoint (DVS)		CTV News
	36	36	36 FOX	MLB Baseball		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
	12	12	12 NBC	News	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Mercy (HDTV)		Law/Ord SVU
sports	55	55	55 SCOR	MMA Show	Footy Show	WWE Vintage Collection		MMA Show	Cabby Unlimit	Score on NFL	Footy Show	Score Now
	53	53	53 TSN	CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at Edmonton Eskimos. (HDTV) (Live)						CFL Football: Argonauts at Blue Bombers		
cable variety	16	16	16 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70 APTN	Wings-Canada	Living, Dream	MYTV	Aboriginal Day	Music Speaks	First Nation	*Bram Stoker's Dracula* ★★★ (1992, Horror)		
	37	37	37 BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Spectacle: Elvis		Star Portraits	Books-Film	*Meet the Parents* (2000, Comedy)		
	49	49	49 COM	VIP	Bet Your Ass	Comedy Now (DVS)		Corner Gas	House Party	The Simpsons	South Park	Great
	18	18	18 CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	38	38	38 DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Junk Raiders		Destroyed
	34	48	48 HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		SarahCottage	HGTV's Top	HGTV Showdown		Makeover
	46	46	46 HIST	Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Ultimate Engineering		Cities of the Underworld		*G.I. Jane* ★★★ (1997, Drama)		
	17	17	17 MM	The Vampire Diaries		*Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights* ★★ (2004, Romance)				Polar Music Prize 2009 (N)		Michael J.
	206	206	206 PIX	(5:45) *The Big Lebowski*		(7:50) *Mystery Men* ★★ (1999, Fantasy)				*Postcards From the Edge* (1990)		
	39	39	39 SHOW	(5) *Casino Royale*		The Guard (HDTV)		*Legacy of Fear* (2006, Suspense) (HDTV) Teri Polo.				*Casino Royale*
	40	40	40 SLICE	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives of Jersey		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives NYC		Runway
	21	21	21 TLC	Police Women of Broward		Police Women of Broward		Police Women of Broward		Police Women of Broward		Moving Up (N)
	22	22	22 W	Hwd 10 Best	Style by Jury	*The Ex* ★ (2006, Comedy) Zach Braff, Amanda Peet.				*The Break-Up* (2006, Romance-Comedy)		
	27	27	27 YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		Smallville		Survive This

SUNDAY

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primetime 9/27/09	31	31	31 ABC	News Center	ABC News	Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers
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	11	11	11 CBC	*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* ★★★ (2007, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe.						CBC News: The National (N)		fifth estate
	32	32	32 CBS	NFL Football		60 Minutes (N)		The Amazing Race 15 Twelve teams begin the race.				Cold Case (N)
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cable variety	16	16	16 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Prey"		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds "Doubt"		Criminal
	70	70	70 APTN	Investigates	APTN InFocus	Aboriginal Day	Living, Dream	Arbor Live		*Mortal Thoughts* ★★★ (1991, Drama)		
	37	37	37 BRVO	Spectacle: Elvis		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Margaret Atwood		*Meet the Fockers* ★★ (2004, Comedy)		
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	34	48	48 HGTV	Holmes in New Orleans		House	House	My First Place	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Hid Potential
	46	46	46 HIST	Ice Road Truckers		Ancient Discoveries		Submarines in Enemy Depths		*Crimson Tide* ★★★ (1995, Suspense)		
	17	17	17 MM	You Can Dance		Dance	Love Court	America's Best Dance Crew		America's Best Dance Crew		Dance Crew
	206	206	206 PIX	(6:40) *Them!* (1954)		(8:15) *Peggy Sue Got Married* ★★★ (1986)				*Lethal Weapon 4* ★★ (1998, Action)		
	39	39	39 SHOW	NCIS "Capitol Offense"		ReGenesis "Prions"		*The Haunting of Sorority Row* (2007, Drama)				Weeds
	40	40	40 SLICE	X-Weighted		My Wardrobe	My Wardrobe	Tim Gunn's Guide to Style		Tori & Dean: Home		Re-Vamped
	21	21	21 TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours
	22	22	22 W	*The Break-Up*	Hwd 10 Best	Younger		*And She Was* (2007, Comedy) Kirstie Alley, Stacy Grant.				*Other Woman*
	27	27	27 YTV	The Next Star		The Next Star "Finale" (Live)			Indie	In Real Life		Survive This



Dane files lawsuit

Eric Dane and Rebecca Gayheart have filed a lawsuit against Gawker.com, claiming the website's bosses unlawfully posted a threesome video featuring them online, according to TMZ.com. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Going Out

Mix of Six

29th annual Atlantic Film Festival

When: Through Saturday
Where: Various theatres around HRM

This popular film festival comes to a close following 10 days of movies. For complete information on films and start times, go to atlanticfilm.com.

QMJHL Hocket

When: Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m.
Where: Halifax Metro Centre

Alright, after four straight losses to open the season, it's time for the Halifax Mooseheads to get into the win column. They are host the Gatineau Olympiques Saturday and Victoriaville Tigres Sunday.

Marilyn Manson

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Halifax Metro Centre

This legendary goth-rock artist is coming to Halifax as part of a Maritime tour that will see Die Mannequin as the opener. Tickets are $58.50 each.

The Game of Love and Chance

When: Opens Friday and runs through Oct. 18
Where: Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall

The 2009-10 season opens under the direction of new artistic director George Pothitos with this comedy set in 18th century France. Tickets range in price from $15 to $45.

Matt Anderson

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

This CD release show from the East Coast music veteran also includes performances from Mike Stevens. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 on the day of.

Kenny Robinson

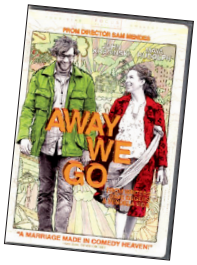
When: Friday & Saturday
Where: Westin Nova Scotia

One of this country's top comedians has been making people laugh for 25 years and is in town for a show with Lori Gibbs and Garrett Clark.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Away We Go

DVD Sam Mendes' latest effort was too low-key for summer blockbuster season but this sweet little film may be more endearing on your home theatre. Starring John Krasinski (of The Office) and Maya Rudolph, the film centres around a couple's search for the perfect place to raise their kids.



2 FlashForward

TV It may sound like any other sci-fi series but here's the Canuck twist — the ABC drama is based on celebrated Mississauga, Ont., author Robert J. Sawyer's novel of the same name. FlashForward, which premiered yesterday, stars Joseph Fiennes as FBI agent Mark Benford, a man who finds himself desperately trying to piece together the cause of a mysterious global event that makes everyone pass out for two minutes and 17 seconds.

3 Margaret Atwood

AUTHOR She may be 70 but she shows no signs of stopping. The doyenne of Canadian fiction is not only picking up rave reviews for her new novel The Year of the Flood, but also made it to the Giller Prize long list. Her inventiveness marks the book tour too — she has created a short musical play based on the novel to be performed in each city she visits.



4 Xavier Dolan

DIRECTOR Roll over, Atom Egoyan. The new poster boy of Canadian cinema is only 20, and his wrenching family drama I Killed My Mother has been chosen as the nation's official entry for the Oscars.

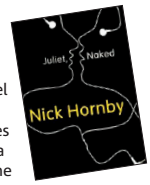
5 The Boy Who Knew Too Much: Mika

ALBUM He conquered the pop world three years back with his debut Life in Cartoon Motion. Now the British singer is ready to keep the crown with another edition of his Elton John-meets-Freddy Mercury over-the-top melodies. The album's first single We Are Golden is proof enough that Mika's here to stay.



6 Juliet, Naked: Nick Hornby

BOOK Surprise, surprise! The preeminent "lad lit" author's new novel is not about a boy, but about a girl. Thirtysomething museum curator Annie strikes up an online relationship with Tucker Crowe, a reclusive American singer-songwriter who's the stuff of myths. An essential Hornby read.



7 It Might Get Loud

FILM If you believe in guitar gods, consider your prayers answered. Master axemen Jimmy Page, The Edge and Jack White gather around to exchange notes on how they create their fretboard magic. It's a treat to watch these legends explain the chemistry behind some of rock's best-loved songs. Enjoy without earplugs.





Back to school for Longoria
Desperate Housewives actress Eva Longoria Parker says she will enrol in a master's program in Chicano studies and political science. She didn't say what university she will attend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Entertainment

Phillips defends dad

Actress says John was 'a good man' despite incest allegations

Mackenzie Phillips is defending her father John Phillips as "a good man," despite her claims that they had an incestuous affair.

But her stepmother Michelle Phillips says Phillips is lying about the affair and is just trying to cash in on her book.

The 49-year-old former child actress writes in her new book, High on Arrival, that she had a decade-long sexual relationship with her father, and alleges they had sex on the night before she was to get married in 1979 at age 19.

She wrote in her book: "I woke up that night from a blackout to find myself having sex with my own father." John Phillips, who died of heart failure in 2001, was the leader of the 1960s group the Mamas and the Papas.

Phillips, 49, who starred on TV's One Day at a Time, said the sexual relationship with her father lasted a decade and ended when she became pregnant and didn't know who had fathered the child. She had an abortion, for which her father paid.

Interviewed on NBC's Today show Thursday, Phillips said it was "a very permissive time and a very rock 'n' roll world and pretty much anything went." Her father "did the best he could," she said.

Phillips, who said she first tried cocaine at age 11, said her father did drugs with her and injected her with cocaine. Last October, Phillips pleaded guilty in Los Angeles to possessing cocaine and was ordered to complete an 18-month drug treatment program.

But her stepmother (and former Mamas and the Papas member) Michelle Phillips sharply differs with the sexual allegations.

"I have every reason to believe it's untrue," she told the Hollywood Reporter. "Mackenzie has a lot of mental illness. She's had a needle stuck up her arm for 35 years."

Half-sister Chynna Phillips told US Weekly that Mackenzie Phillips told her about the sexual relationship in 1997.

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Former child actress Mackenzie Phillips alleges she had an incestuous affair with her father, the deceased John Phillips of the Mamas and the Papas, in her new book. Both pictured in this 1981 photo.

Back on Oprah

- Mackenzie Phillips is returning to The Oprah Winfrey show via satellite on Friday. Joining her will be half-sister Chynna, who will be live in the studio, according to usmagazine.com.

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The little movie that could

Dirty Dancing made Patrick Swayze a superstar but when he first read the script, he found it a little clean. The actor, who died Sept. 14 of cancer, writes in his memoir, "It seemed fluffy — nothing more than a summer-camp movie." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

Dead Snow fun for horror fans

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Whether or not your will enjoy the Norwegian horror romp Dead Snow essentially comes down to your reaction to the following combination of words: Nazi zombies.

If that sounds tasteless and exploitative, then run from the theatre. If you even smirk at the concept, then you'll probably have a blast.

Appreciating Dead Snow requires absolutely no brainpower. The movie is pure goofy/gory fun tailor-made for audiences who love being scared in the dark.

Dead Snow stars a collection of bland medical students who head out to a cabin in the woods for a weekend of drinking and skiing.

From the beginning they're lambs heading into the slaughter (even commenting on the similarity of their situation to the butchered youngsters in The Evil Dead).

They soon discover that they are on land haunted by an army of zombie Nazis from the Second World War who stalk the snow-covered landscape looking for flesh to feast on.

The fact that the victims are medical students only allows for a few impromptu stitchings and amputations before heading back into battle to face the zombies again.

Screens Friday at 11:59 p.m.

It doesn't matter who lives and dies. The zombies are the stars of the show and they are horrifically entertaining.

Co-writer/director Tommy Wirkola is clearly a fan of the horror genre and has a blast tearing up his protagonists.

His love of the material is infectious and it's hard not to smile, laugh, and jump whenever he spills blood on the snow.

There is nothing in Dead Snow beyond surface-level thrills and knowing gags, but the simplicity is part of the fun. This is a horror film made for horror fans and if you're one of the converted, it's impossible to have a bad time.

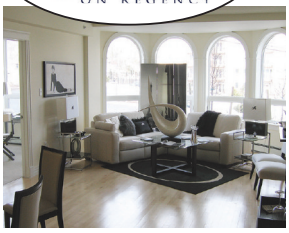


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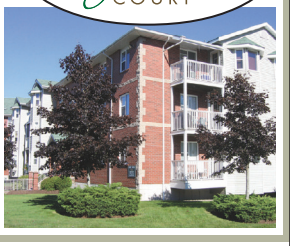
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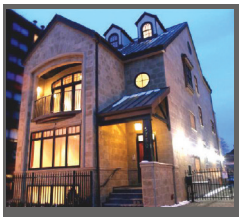
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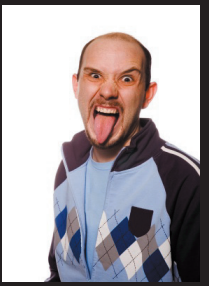
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Big bucks for X Factor
Looks like Simon Cowell is bringing Britain's The X Factor to the U.S. and according to The Hollywood Reporter, he's trying to negotiate a $50 million a cycle salary. POPEATER.COM

Entertainment

Fainting viewers but also his best work

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After years of being a film festival favourite with films like Breaking The Waves and Dogville, Danish director Lars Von Trier finally made his first appearance at a Canadian fest — and it was certainly an odd one.

Too terrified to ever get on a plane, Von Trier appeared at this year's Toronto International Film Festivla live via satellite to discuss his latest film Antichrist along with Willem Dafoe (who was there in person).

When the rather intense movie premiered at the festival many audience members fainted and fled theater (upon hearing that, Von Trier deadpanned "Good,"), but those who stayed applauded the latest work by a master filmmaker.

"I remember starting with the idea of doing a horror film, which it maybe turned out not to be," said Von Trier when asked how he came up with Antichrist. Fortunately Willem Dafoe was able to fill some details.


Willem Dafoe stars in Lars Von Trier's Antichrist.

"Lars was in a period of depression and was having trouble getting out of bed, wondering even if he could make another film," said Dafoe. "He decided to collect dark images, dreams, and thoughts and turn them into this film to help get him out of bed and out of his depression."

"I don't remember very much," said Von Trier. "I've been drinking. Thanks to you Willem, I've been drinking a lot every day and not doing any work at all," joked the director.

Though clearly shaken, Von Trier seems to have used Antichrist as a perverse form of therapy and anyone who has seen the unforgettable film can confirm that the tale of a psychiatrist (Dafoe) and his wife retreating to the woods to deal with a loss only to end up falling victim to violent insanity is the darkest and most disturbing movie the director has ever made.

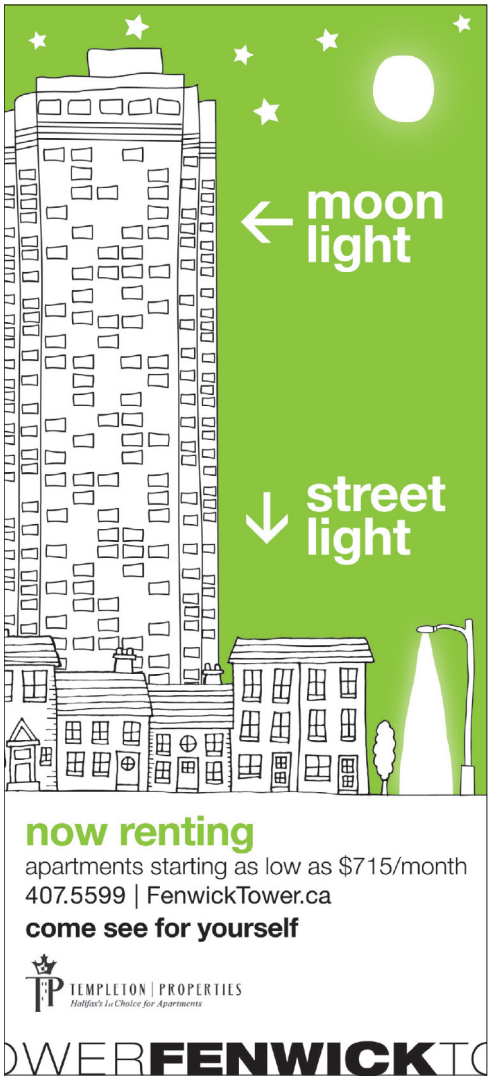
Despite the controversy, it might also be one of his best.

As always seems to be the case, Von Trier was accused of misogyny during the press conference, to which he replied: "I hate women and I love them. Come on, we all do."

If you go

- Antichrist screens Friday night at 9:30 p.m. Visit atlanticfilm.com for more information.

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Fat lady sings for Allen

After two smash albums, Lily Allen is putting her music career on ice indefinitely, she admits on her blog. "Just so you know, I have not renegotiated my record contract and have no plans to make another record," Allen writes. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Smiley Miley pays up for her privacy

BIG SPENDER Miley Cyrus had a restaurant closed so she and 100 friends could party together, female-first.co.uk reports.

The Hannah Montana star wanted to celebrate her sold-out concert at Los Angeles Staples Center on Tuesday night by dining at the newly-opened eatery Katsuya.

The 16-year-old star told bosses she wanted privacy "no matter the cost" so booked out the entire restaurant.

Cyrus was dressed in an open back, black mini-dress and high black boots as she sipped on a special Katsuya drink. A source added to website RadarOnline: "She was in great spirits and danced almost the whole night."

Cyrus was keen to keep her party private as she recently claimed her life is being ruined by the paparazzi. She wrote on her Twitter page: "Being a paparazzi is the most DISGUSTING job imaginable.

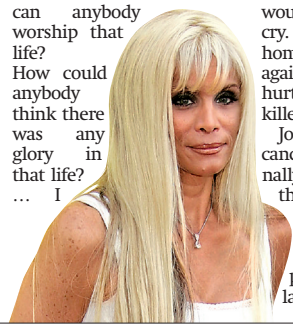
"Being followed around by creepy photographers is NOT in the job description! YOU try being stuck inside cuz creepers are waiting for u (sic)." METRO WORLD NEWS



Gotti behind murders: Kid

TEFLON DAUGHTER Onetime reality show star Victoria Gotti is finally admitting that her father, the former head of the Gambino crime family, was behind some of the most notorious murders in recent New York history, people.com reports.

"I loved the man … but I loathed the life, his lifestyle," Gotti, 46, tells the CBS newsmagazine 48 Hours Mystery in an episode to be aired Saturday. "How can anybody worship that life? How could anybody think there was any glory in that life? … I would lie awake nights and cry. 'Is my dad gonna come home? Is he gonna go to jail again? … Is he going to get hurt? Is he gonna get killed?'"



John Gotti, who died of cancer in prison in 2002, finally lost his nickname as the Teflon Don in 1992, when he was convicted of 13 murders, including the slaying of his predecessor, Paul Castellano, outside a New York steakhouse.

But Gotti had been fingered as the mastermind behind many more, such as the 1980 disappearance and apparent murder of a neighbour who accidentally ran over and killed Gotti's 12-year-old son Frank.

It was in that latter case that Victoria claims she demanded that her father exact "justice," according to 48 Hours Mystery

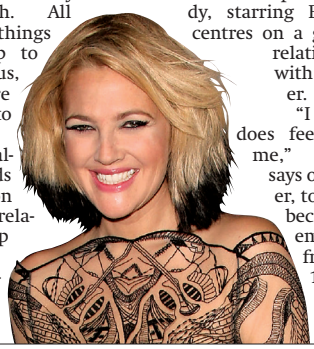
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No happy endings for Drew Barrymore

SEX TAKES BACKSEAT Justin Long, take note. "Sexual love is secondary to me right now," Drew Barrymore says in a new Parade magazine interview. "I've spent a lot of time in my life dedicating myself to love or the pursuit of love or the understanding of love. But for the last few years, my life just hasn't been about that for me."

The twice-married star, 34, adds that she's "stopped believing in happy endings," usmagazine.com reports.

"I've started believing in good days," she says. "At the end of my movie, there's honesty. There's truth. There's peace. What tomorrow will bring is still in question. There is a joy that's earned by failure or triumph. All those things add up to teach us, if we are open to it."



She also sheds light on her relationship with her estranged mother, Jaid.

"I believe she will see the film," she tells Parade, referring to her directorial debut, Whip It. The dramedy, starring Ellen Page, centres on a girl's rocky relationship with her mother.

"I believe she does feel pride in me," Barrymore says of her mother, to whom she became legally emancipated from in 1991. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity tweets

Yoko Ono gets some perspective, Joel McHale wants to improve American football, Courtney Love gets the wrong kind of attention and Pee-wee Herman discovers Twitter.

- @yokoono The sky is not only above our heads. It extends all the way down to earth. When we raise a foot from the ground, we are walking in the sky.
- @joelmchale Football should get rid of the extra point. Or at least move it back.
- @courtneylover79 you know your in trouble when the Secret Service have a CONFERENCE about your smoking in the bathroom at a film preem.
- @peeweeherman Pee-wee Herman is a trending topic? I know I am but what are you? METRO WORLD NEWS



Posh says quit weight bugging

HEALTH Victoria Beckham wants everyone to stop obsessing over how thin she is. "I am fine — happy and healthy," she tells the Daily Mirror.

"It's irresponsible when people obsess about my shape and size.

"I appreciate there are young girls and women who look at me as a role model and it is simply untrue to say I do not eat and I am unhealthy."

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Pitt's fixer upper

PRIVATE ESCAPE? Brad Pitt has found a new project: rebuilding the small airport near he and Angelina Jolie's French estate. Sources tell Page Six that Pitt is looking for a way for his large family to avoid the paparazzi.

"One thing he loves about the estate is the privacy it affords," a source says. "Nobody can get near it. So with Angelina completing her pilot's licence, their own airstrip would give them total freedom to come and go." METRO WORLD NEWS



Jennifer shed tears for Brad?

DID SHE OR DIDN'T SHE Jennifer Aniston wasn't having such a great time filming The Bounty in New York recently.

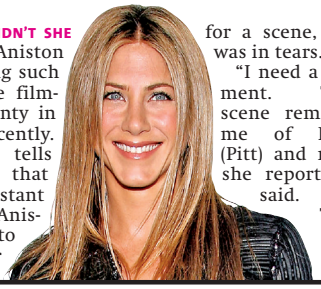
A source tells Page Six that when an assistant arrived at Aniston's trailer to retrieve her for a scene, she was in tears.

"I need a moment. This scene reminds me of Brad (Pitt) and me," she reportedly said.

The source explains: "While she enjoyed flirting with Gerard (Butler) on set and put a brave face on every day, privately she is still very fragile."

But Aniston's rep calls the story about her crying in her trailer "ridiculous. It never happened."

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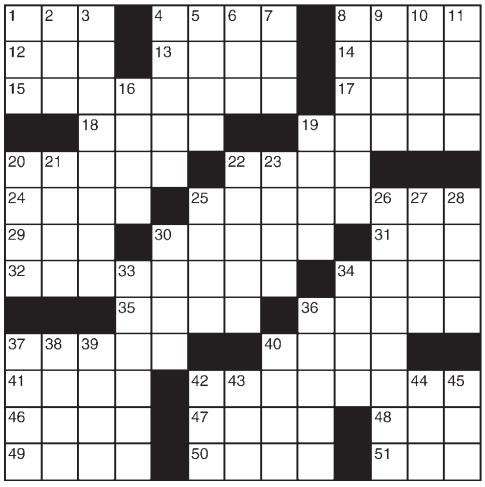




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ACROSS

1 Picks out of a lineup
4 Ship's front
8 Wild party
12 Plaything
13 Green land
14 Curved molding
15 "Wow!"
17 Traditional tales
18 Versifier
19 Constitutional
20 Orated
22 Overcast
24 Ponder
25 "Wow!"
29 Swiss canton
30 Huffs and puffs
31 Born
32 "Wow!"
34 Unescorted
35 Unpaid bill
36 Illinois city
37 Bake eggs
40 Perry Mason portrayer
41 Mexican entree
42 "Wow!"
46 Detail
47 Squirrels' hangouts
48 "That's funny!" to a texter
49 Cincinnati team
50 Genealogy chart
51 Sweet potato

DOWN

1 Judge Lance
2 Homer's interjection
3 Formal discussions
4 Small flycatcher
5 Laugh-a-minute
6 Bobby of hockey
7 Become one
8 Anne who married Henry VIII
9 More than enthusiastic
10 Antitoxins
11 Command to Fido
16 Oxen's binder
19 Young blokes
20 Too confident
21 Engine noise
22 Leave
23 Tiers
25 Amorphous mass
26 In toto
27 Burn somewhat
28 Lily variety
30 Coffin support
33 File holders
34 Ganges wrap
36 Talk a blue streak?
37 Use a teaspoon
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

			4			9		
8	6						2	
		4			5		3	
	2	8	9	7			5	
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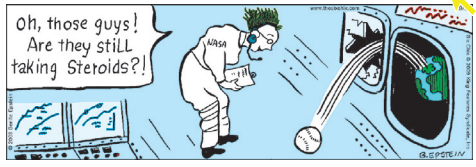
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



3	2	1	9	7	5	8	4	6
9	8	4	2	6	3	7	1	5
6	5	7	8	4	1	3	2	9
4	1	5	6	8	7	9	3	2
2	3	8	1	5	9	6	7	4
7	9	6	3	2	4	5	8	1
5	4	3	7	9	2	1	6	8
8	7	2	5	1	6	4	9	3
1	6	9	4	3	8	2	5	7

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Herb-Coated Cod

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup (50 mL) butter, melted
2/3 cup (150 mL) crushed crackers
2 tbsp (25 mL) grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried oregano
1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried basil
1/4 tsp (1 mL) garlic powder
1 lb (500 g) cod fillets

METHOD:

1. Place butter in shallow bowl. In another bowl, combine crackers, cheese and seasonings. Dip fillets in butter, then coat with crumbs.
2. Place in greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. (33 cm x 23 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 400°F (200°C) 15-20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
There is no point making a big fuss if something small goes wrong today. Strive to stay calm and don't get annoyed over trivial matters.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't give too much away today, not even if you are bursting with good ideas. If you say too much, you may find your ideas are rejected or stolen.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If someone is insensitive enough to point out your failings you might like to remind them of all the times in the past when they goofed.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Whatever limits you come up against you must remind yourself that they don't really exist.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Maybe you have realized that the goals you set yourself are going to take a lot more time and a lot more effort than you initially supposed.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Mercury, your ruler, moving retrograde warns that some of your ideas are half-formed at best and could cause problems if you take them too seriously.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Both at home and at work, but especially at work, you are advised to look out for Number One today, because if you don't no one else will.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
What a Scorpio wants, a Scorpio usually finds a way to get, and what you get over the next 24 hours will cheer you up no end.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may be suspicious of a person you work or do business with, but why? Chances are they have done nothing to cause you serious misgivings.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Negative comments are likely today, and it may be you who is on the receiving end. Fortunately, you know your own worth.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Someone in a position of authority is watching you closely and hoping you do something wrong so they can make an example of you.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
With mind planet Mercury still moving retrograde there is a danger you will either be too logical for your own good or abandon logic altogether.

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SEPT. 25, 1690: Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick, the first newspaper to appear in the Americas, is published for the first and only time.
SEPT. 25, 1911: Ground is broken for Fenway Park in Boston.
SEPT. 25, 1981: Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the 102nd Justice sworn in as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and the first woman to hold the office.
SEPT. 25, 1983: Maze Prison escape: 38 republican prisoners hijack a prison meals lorry and smash their way out of HMP Maze. It is the largest prison escape since WWII and in British history.

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